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Front Cover

Howard E. Sanborn
"Chief"
1915-1996

In August, one of the largest funerals ever seen in the North Country took place in Bethlehem. Bethlehem residents, family, friends, and law enforcement officers from throughout the State said thanks and good-bye to long-time Police and Fire Chief Howard E. Sanborn.

Back Cover

Frank Sheedy
1917-1996

Doris Stevenson
1909-1996

Bethlehem also lost two people who spent their lifetimes working and helping to make Bethlehem a better place to live. Frank Sheedy, who for many years was Superintendent of our Water Department, passed away in February. Also, Doris Stevenson, a former Clerk for the Bethlehem Village District and long-time School Board Member, passed away in June.

ANNUAL REPORT BETHLEHEM, NH AND BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT for the year ending DECEMBER 31, 1996

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

RAYMOND BUSHWAY	(Term expires 1997)
DANIEL TUCKER	(Term expires 1998)
SARAH MIKE	(Term expires 1999)

Administrative Assistant - Board of Selectmen

CINDY HOLMES

Town Clerk

BRENDA DARLING (1998)

Treasurer

TERI-ANN BROWN (1998)

Tax Collector

CLAUDIA BROWN (1998)

Moderator

ALISTAIR MACBAIN (1998)

Acting Police Chief

NORMAN BROWN (1996)

Road Agent

GEORGE TUCKER, III (1997)

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

JACK ANDERSON

Acting Health Officer

WILLIAM ENGLERT (6/97)

Overseer of Welfare

CHERYL SARGENT

Trustees of the Trust Funds

ROBERT PEARSON	(1997)
JAMES TIBBETTS	(1998)
DAVID KERR	(1999)

Supervisors of the Checklist

ANN SYKES	(1998)
PHILIP DAVIS	(2000)
JUDY GAGNE	(2002)

Librarian

MURIEL BROWN

Library Trustees

RUSSELL R. BONNEVIE	(1997)
MAXINE JACKSON	(1997)
NANCY STEVENSON	(1997)
MILDRED CHAMBERLAIN	(1998)
ELIZABETH HARRINGTON	(1998)
PAULINE KEACH	(1998)
MELANIE HARDING	(1999)
BARBARA L. MELLOR	(1999)
RUTH D. MILLER	(1999)

Cemetery Committee
FLORENCE DEDERICK
ERNEST FERLAND
DANIEL TUCKER
RICHARD ROBIE

Revolving Loan Committee
LEN REED
PETER THOMA
TOM HEPNER

Recreation Committee
RONNIE LYSTER
MIKE MISCIO
LEN REED

Conservation Commission
TANYA TELLMAN (6/97)
NICOLE CARLTON (9/97)
CINDY WOOD (6/98)
ROBERT BENSON (6/98)
GENE GIRDWOOD (6/98)

Bretzfelder Park Committee
JOHN STEVENSON
HAROLD BROWN
ELEANOR STEPHENSON
FLORENCE DEDERICK
TANYA TELLMAN
OLIVER UNDERHILL
ELLEN PRITHAM
NIGEL MANLEY
DAVID WOOD
ELIZABETH WARD

Secretary - Planning / Zoning Boards
CHERYL SARGENT

Planning Board
STEVE HUNTINGTON, Chairman (6/99)
FRED BLANCHARD (6/97)
JOHN KIMBALL (6/97)
ROD HAYWOOD (Alt. 6/97)
DANIEL TUCKER (3/98)
JOHN KELLER (6/98)
DENNIS SIGGINS (6/98)
HAROLD BROWN (6/98)
TED WILKINSON (6/99)

Zoning Board
LESLIE WARREN, Chairman (6/99)
STEPHEN HUGGINS (6/98)
STEVE HUNTINGTON (6/99)
SKIP MARIE (6/99)
RICHARD VIRDONE (8/99)
JUDY WALLACE (8/99)

RESULTS OF THE 1996 WARRANT

Moderator, Alistair D. MacBain, declared the polls open at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Building on the 12th day of March, 1996. It was moved by Judy Gagne and seconded by Ann Sykes to proceed to vote on Article 1 and delay the reading and action of the other Articles in the Warrant until the business meeting on Saturday March 16, 1996. The motion carried. At 6:00 p.m. the Moderator declared the polls closed and the ballots counted.

Moderator MacBain called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Bethlehem Elementary School Auditorium. He explained where the fire exits were, and after he announced the results of the election, he mentioned that there will be a recount for the office of Constable on Monday, March 18.

ARTICLE 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

Total Votes Cast - 773

John (Jack) Anderson, Selectman -- 163 votes, not elected
Sarah E. Mike, Selectman -- 344 votes, elected
John L. Wedick Jr., Selectman -- 246 votes, not elected
David Kerr, Trustee of the Trust Funds -- 648 votes, elected
Norman A. Brown, Constable -- 373 votes, not elected
Howard E. Sanborn, Constable -- 375 votes, elected
Judy Gagne, Supervisor of the Checklist -- 685 votes, elected
Alistair D. MacBain, Moderator -- 708 votes, elected
George E. Tucker III, Road Agent -- 680 votes, elected
Melanie Harding, Library Trustee -- 535 votes, elected
Barbara L. Mellor, Library Trustee -- 498 votes, elected
Ruth D. Miller, Library Trustee -- 675 votes, elected

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted, \$1,405,478.95 -- budget total exclusive of warrant articles.

Time: 9:05 Moved: John Wedick Second: Raymond Bushway
Vote: Passed

John Wedick explained that at the budget hearing when he first projected that the estimated tax rate for next year would drop from \$4.70 to \$4.11, he did so without one critical figure which the auditors have now given him. Instead of the originally projected rate of \$4.11, the new projected rate will be closer to \$3.00. He also explained that under Financial Administration there is a change in the Tax Collector's salary (page 24). The Tax Collector's salary went from \$4000 to \$5300. He explained this was not a raise because she no longer takes care of resident taxes which had previously generated \$1300 in fees for the Tax Collector. He asked if there were any questions. Ted Wilkinson questioned the salaries for the office workers.

Selectman Tucker moved to increase the Tax Collector's salary in the amount of an additional \$1000; it was seconded by Ted Wilkinson. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Mike questioned why the Information Systems line in the Financial Administration portion of the Budget increased from \$1,553.60 actual in 1995 to \$7480 requested in 1996. John Wedick

explained that it was part of a reclassification and that money is included to buy a new file server. Sarah asked if there was a significant need for the office at this time. John Wedick said the system was slow. Sarah asked how the employees of the Town Office felt about this. Claudia Brown answered that it takes half an hour for the computer to read the information before it begins to print out a trial balance report. If it were up to her, she would upgrade the entire system, including expanding the software.

Len Malenowski asked about the \$115,342 post-closure cost figures, and the transfer to the Trust Fund. If we have this money, why do we have a warrant article to raise \$128,412? John Wedick explained that the Selectmen need to go to the voters to establish the trust fund; we already have the money to put into it. The money is composed of \$115,342 which comes from the special revenue fund entitled Closure of Prospect Street Dump. There is \$89,852 in actual money available to go into that Trust Fund; \$75,000 of the \$89,852 is listed in the Trust Fund Report. The balance of \$14,702 is already in the hands of the Trustees. Add to that \$25,490 from the State and another \$13,070 which will come from North Country Environmental Services for the difference of what we receive in \$0.50 tipping fees and what we have paid to them for the disposal of our solid waste. This makes a total of \$128,412. The purpose of Article 9 is to establish the Trust Fund into which all of these monies will go. Total cost of longterm care of the dump is estimated by the engineers to be between \$225,000 and \$250,000. Putting aside \$128,000 today means we will not have to go to the citizens for more money in the future. This money will earn sufficient interest to insure that it will pay for the entire cost. The vote on the amended budget passed unanimously. The budget is \$1,406,478.95.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund -- Police Cruiser. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

Time: 9:25 Moved: Raymond Bushway Second: John Wedick
Vote: Passed

Jannifer Kotok asked for background information. Raymond Bushway explained that we don't need any money for a new cruiser now, but we will eventually. We had to take some money from the general fund to buy a new cruiser; one burned this year. Len Malenowski asked how much a new cruiser costs. Selectman Bushway said \$21,000. Len Malenowski pointed out that the report for the Trust Funds show that there is \$10,330.98 in the fund for a police cruiser. Moderator MacBain stated that this was all brought up and explained at the budget hearing: the entire fund was used to reimburse the Town for the cruiser that burned. Dick Robie complained that the voters didn't have a say as to whether they wanted to buy it or not; the Selectmen had made that decision on their own. John Wedick explained that the Warrant Article the voters passed last year designated the Selectmen as agents to expend. Howard Sanborn came to the Board, asked the Board for a new cruiser and the Board made the decision. Moderator MacBain re-read last year's Warrant Article #8. Tanya Tellman pointed out that we had this same discussion last year as recorded in the minutes on page 8. Raymond Bushway stated that if the cruiser hadn't burned the Selectmen would not have bought the cruiser midyear. Sarah Mike explained that a Capital Reserve Fund has to be very specific.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund -- Highway dump truck. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

Time: 9:35 Moved: Daniel Tucker Second: Mickey Whitcomb
Vote: Passed Unanimously

Daniel Tucker commented that this past year we spent \$10,000 plus to replace an engine that was 10 years old. Had we had this set up last year we could have made a judgement call. Now we have put more in this truck than we could ever get back. He stated that he would like to see a Capital Reserve Fund apply to all highway equipment, not just specifically a dump truck; but, unfortunately by law, it can't.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund -- Revaluation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

Time: 9:38 Moved: John Wedick Second: Alan Jackson

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Ted Wilkinson asked when this evaluation will take place. Selectman Tucker said 1997 or 1998. This will bring the Trust Fund up to \$85,000 for revaluation. We anticipate computerizing the process. Next year we will come back and ask for the remaining money to get the revaluation underway. People would fill out a building permit if they made any changes or improvements to their property, and the Town office personnel would put this data on the computer; this would eliminate the need for field inspection. When asked about a private agency versus the State, Selectman Tucker said he would prefer a private agency. Bernie Kohn asked why the \$50,000 figure. Daniel Tucker explained it was just a projection. Last time it cost us \$98,000. At this point we have no estimates.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of rehabilitating the lower level of the Town building and to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

Time: 9:45 Moved: Raymond Bushway Second: Philip Davis

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Jannifer Kotok asked for an explanation. Selectman Bushway stated that there is some cosmetic work that needs to be done, and there is an old boiler that may need attention in the future. Selectman Tucker said that we have a lot of wasted space, and we are trying to make better use of the Town Building. It would make sense to try to utilize the bottom part of the building. When asked about expanding the library, Selectman Tucker said one idea being looked at is to let the library have the portion of the upstairs that is now being used by the Town Offices. Bernie Kohn asked where the figure came from. Selectman Tucker said he has no idea what it is going to cost - nothing has been done yet; this is just a figure to establish the fund. Jack Anderson requested that the Board come back to the people before anything is done. Selectman Wedick asked if a series of informational meetings would do instead of waiting for next year. Mr. Anderson indicated he had no problem with that. He wants the Board to consult the voters before they do anything with the Town Building. Paul Greenlaw suggested a Citizen's Advisory Committee to help out. Len Malenowski questioned the Town Building Trust Fund monies (\$19,306.95). Claudia Brown pointed out that only the interest from Trust Funds can be spent not the original investment. Rick Robie asked if it would be the whole bottom floor including the Fire Department. Selectman Tucker said we would address the whole bottom floor. Bernie Kohn didn't want a bandaid solution; he suggested the Selectmen get a plan for the whole building and float a bond issue. Selectman Tucker does not want to get into a bond issue to rehab the building. Mr. Kohn stated we shouldn't plan for just the lower level. Claudia

Brown said she would like to see the fire station moved. The fumes are terrible throughout the building when they start up the trucks downstairs.

Dale Jette asked about specific numbers. Selectman Tucker said we will eventually come back with a final figure, but right now we are just starting a rainy day fund. We want to look to the future and spread out the appropriation.

Jack Anderson made a motion to delete "and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend" from the article; Ted Wilkinson seconded.

Moderator MacBain checked the RSA, and said this could be done. Tanya Tellman asked if this meant that no one could expend money out of that fund if there is no one designated as agent to expend? There would be no money to begin to do a survey, hire a consultant, or an architect. Selectman Tucker said nothing could be done - anything to do with rehabilitating the Town Building comes to a complete stop, no money could be spent on this. Richard Virdone said he was against the motion because at least with this in place you could have informational meetings, a citizens' advisory group, hire an architect and come up with a plan for next year. Jack Anderson asked why this article wasn't more specific. Ed Davis said the Selectmen are responsible for the Town Building and should have the authority to carry out that responsibility.

Dale Jette once again asked for specifics. Dick Robie asked if we vote this amendment and the boiler goes tomorrow, is the \$19,000 in the Trust Fund available to fix it? Selectman Tucker asked for a Trustee. James Tibbetts said that you can't touch the principal of the account, and he was not sure exactly what the principal amount was. Tina Greenlaw stated that we should trust the Selectmen to expend or we shouldn't elect them. Bernie Kohn said \$5000 was appropriated years ago for this purpose and what happened to it? John Starr broke it down into three categories: maintenance and emergency repairs, planning for rehabilitating and actual rehabilitating. Its not clear what this money is for.

John Stevenson moved the amendment; Len Malenowski seconded. The amendment failed. Tanya Tellman moved the article.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of demolishing or rehabilitating Town owned properties that are eyesores and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

Time: 10:15 Moved: Daniel Tucker Second: David Tellman
Voie: Passed Unanimously

Selectman Tucker explained that there are several pieces of property that the Town will soon own. The Board has talked about possibly demolishing some of these buildings. Some properties may be able to be rehabilitated if there are no buyers for them as they are. Selectman Wedick said it is also intended to cover other pieces of property such as cellar holes and mentioned open bid salvage. Ed Davis asked who covers the liability insurance during the rehabilitating stage? Selectman Wedick said the Town would. When the Town takes a piece of property it has to put insurance on it. Len Reed asked about repainting or razing the old Town garage. Selectman Tucker got an estimate to clean, primer and paint the old highway garage. The estimate was in the range of \$3800 less primer and paint; the total cost would be in the vicinity of \$4500 to \$5000 if the Town wishes to keep it. The golf course will generate approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 of income from the harvesting of timber on the new driving range.

If the voters here instruct the Selectmen to do so, Selectman Tucker said he doesn't have a problem with putting the driving range on hold and putting up a new building. Dale Jette brought up Town owned properties and getting them back on the tax rolls. Sam Sorge asked who determines whether a building should be torn down or not. Selectman Tucker said the building inspector would. Joel Goodell asked if the old garage belongs to the Highway Department or the golf course? Selectman Tucker replied that since 1949 it was the Country Club's and that the Highway Department moved in when they moved out of the building by the swimming pool. Selectman Tucker once again said it is up to the voters here today to decide whether to put up a new building or paint the building. Joel Goodell said he thought it was supposed to be demolished, not replaced. Selectman Tucker explained that you could demolish the portion the highway used but if the building is not replaced there is no place for the greens keeper to store equipment and work on maintenance. Paul Greenlaw asked where the Country Club possessions would go. Selectman Tucker said that he had spoken to the greens keeper and a new building would go adjacent to the course. It would not go on the same site. John Starr asked if it was just a shed to keep rain off or was heated space to work in needed. Selectman Tucker told him that the majority of a new structure would be storage and not require heat, but a small area for the greens keeper to work in year round would. Dick Robie asked if some part of the building could be saved and then made a comment about the size of the driving range. Selectman Tucker stated that the driving range was designed to drive from either direction. Clare Brown said the Town owns it, and it was never proposed to replace it. Selectman Tucker asked for a resolution. Do the voters want it demolished, part of it taken down and part of it rehabbed? The issue is that the golf course pays its own way. They do not come to the taxpayers and get money to do anything related to the course. That's why the revenue from the driving range could be used to put up a building. Jan Kotok summarized that the building is a Town-owned building and it's up to the Town to demolish it, then it's up to the Country Club to build a new structure. Jack Anderson said he thought the building should be demolished. In order to resolve this, something will have to be built for the Country Club and something will have to be built at the Town garage for the cold storage. Paul Greenlaw asked if the estimated revenue from the timber sales will cover the cost of a new building. Selectman Tucker thought it would be enough for the Country Club but not enough to do cold storage for the Highway Department. He hoped that the Fire Department would use it as practice and burn it down. The voters would have to approve putting an addition on the highway garage for the purpose of cold storage. Paul Greenlaw suggested the Selectmen come back to next year's meeting with a definite plan.

Ed Davis asked if a property is torn down would a previous owner be able to redeem it by paying the taxes? Selectman Wedick said that, as with any property taken by tax deed the Board can sell the property back to the owner of record as justice may require. Selectman Tucker said the previous owner would have to pay all costs incurred on that property, including demolition of the property. Dick Robie asked if the Country Club owns the land of the driving range area. Selectman Tucker said it is on the tax map as tax exempt property. Dick Robie said we should demolish what's there, use the money from the timber sale and money from the Country Club if there is any and if they need a building - spend it.

Ed Davis moved that Article 7 be laid on the table, and it was seconded. The motion failed.

Tanya Tellman said the Article is to cover needs for any Town-owned properties, which includes filling in dangerous cellar holes. Ted Wilkinson thought there were several different issues here.

Ted Wilkinson made a motion to adopt a resolution directing the Selectmen to proceed expeditiously with the demolition of the old Town garage. If the resolution passed, the Country Club will be

on notice that they have to make arrangements within their own budget to build their own building and the Highway Department will also be on notice to make the necessary provisions. Moderator MacBain asked Ted to bring this up again in Article 12. With no further questions, the Moderator proceeded with the vote.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existng Capital Reserve Fund -- Town Building ADA, to the Capital Reserve Fund -- Town Properties, ADA. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (2/3 vote required)

Time: 10:40 Moved: Raymond Bushway Second: Marilyn Johnson
Vote: Passed 106 votes 98 yes 8 no secret ballot

Jack Anderson asked if all Capital Reserve Funds require a 2/3 vote to change. The answer was yes. Len Reed asked if this included all municipal properties. Selectman Tucker answered all public buildings. Bruce Brown clarified - if it belongs to the Town and it is public, it has to be ADA accessible.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as The Prospect Street Dump Post Closure Fund for the purpose of the care and maintenance of the capped dump for the period of thirty years as required by State law and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,412 for this purpose and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

Time: 11:05 Moved: John Wedick Second: John Miller
Vote: Passed unanimously

George Manupelli asked about the composition of the material used to cap the dump. He stated that on page 35 NCES sold the Town topsoil (\$21,000). Selectman Wedick said it was manufactured topsoil which contained between 6 and 8% sludge and silty sand, State approved and analyzed by the engineers. Len Malenowski asked about the numbers transferred from the Trust Fund. Selectman Wedick explained the \$128,412 figure again as he did in Article 2. George Manupelli again brought up the topsoil. Selectman Wedick said that on page 35 the glacial till had to have a certain permeability. You shape the landfill, then you put on one foot of this glacial till with the specs required by the State. That is then compacted to specs required (approx 9 inches); at that point you put a second layer on and then compact it. There is then 18 inches of compacted material on top to prevent anything from going through. David Tellman moved the Article, Tanya Tellman seconded.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to provide that all dwellings built before 1986 and their outbuildings be exempt from B.O.C.A. Code. Any additions or changes to such structures will require a permit given by the Board of Selectmen so the Town can keep the tax assessment cards up-to-date. Cosmetic repairs and replacements (roofs, windows, doors, decks, etc.) that are already noted on assessment records do not need a permit to do such work. All above are exempt from fees, rules, regulations, and inspections set by B.O.C.A. code. (By petition)

Time: 11:20 Moved: Dan Tucker Second: Alan Jackson
Vote: Passed

Bob Coute made a motion to amend the article by changing the word dwellings to personal residences and at the end add the words "commercial and rental properties excluded". Len Malenowski seconded.

Mr. Coute explained that the tax assessment cards in the assessors office are supposed to be up-to-date. This would mean that if you want to replace anything in your house, you have the right to do it. You don't need a permit or have to pay a fee to do it since it is already on your assessment card. If you want to add a deck and change the square footage, you must tell the Selectmen; they tag your card, someone comes and looks at your property. The vote on the amendment passed.

Ted Wilkinson said we would be opening a huge can of worms if we selectively enforce B.O.C.A. Insurance rates are determined by the level of code enactment. He thought that if this passes everyone in Town would see a doubling or tripling of their insurance premium. Len Malenowski said he didn't see his insurance rate go down when we passed the B.O.C.A. Many people expressed their unhappiness with the current building inspector. John Miller asked if any lawyer had looked at this. Selectman Tucker said he spoke with the Town attorney, and it is his opinion that the Town does assume liability if there is construction that does not meet the code. Len Malenowski asked if we hadn't adopted the B.O.C.A. code would the Town still be liable? Selectman Tucker thought that if the Town were to vote out the code it would not be liable. We have tried to structure this so the fees pay for the building inspector. John Starr mentioned that the code does not come into play to replace your roof. David Tellman said it protects the homeowner; we should not throw the B.O.C.A. code out. Tina Greenlaw asked if we wish to get rid of the permit fees for small issues but not the code. John Starr mentioned that repairs and maintenance should be exempt from permits; but if you change the footprint you should get a permit and meet the code. Bob Coute clarified that the intent of this Article is simple things, minor cosmetic repairs. Moderator MacBain pointed out that the first sentence of this Article may be a problem, that once you get into doing away with the B.O.C.A. codes you have to have properly warned meetings and public hearings.

Tanya Tellman made a motion to table until Town Meeting next year and possibly let the Planning Board come up with the document to present then, seconded by Ted Wilkinson. The motion failed. The vote on the amended Article passed.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass law reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitation on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties):
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1 per voter:
3. Sharp limitation on all forms of spending to influence election, including independent expenditures:
4. Sharp limitation on contributions to and spending by political action committees: and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor. (By Petition)

Time: 11:55 Moved: John Wedick Second: Sarah Mike
Vote: Passed

Ted Wilkinson spoke about the high cost of getting into public office. For example he said that in 1994 the cost of winning a Senate seat in Washington was 4.6 million dollars.

ARTICLE 12 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Time: Noon

Moderator MacBain asked for any comments on having the meeting on Saturday. Most people were in favor of having it on Saturday. It was pointed out, however, that the people who aren't here may feel differently.

Floyd Brown asked that John Wedick be recognized for all the work he has done the past three years. A round of applause followed.

Dan Greenlaw brought up an "Adopt a Flag" program which he is trying to initiate. The cost would be between \$15 and \$20 to buy a flag and have a plaque made with a dedication on it. Anyone interested in sponsoring a flag should contact Dan Greenlaw. He hopes to have applications at the Town Building when the program gets underway.

Dan Greenlaw made a motion to put this program in place, seconded by Bruce Brown. Motion passed.

Ed Davis asked if the Town Clerk could make tapes of the Town Meeting available. Yes. Moderator MacBain explained that the original books that came out first have the wrong information on the second and third pages and no library report on page 76. The printer recalled the earlier books and reprinted them.

Dick Robie stated that he would like to see Frank Sheedy's picture on the front of the Town Report. Wendy Fearon asked that positions be inserted in the Town of Bethlehem Salaries (page 31).

James Tibbetts asked what efforts have been made by the Selectmen to dispose of the Town-owned properties taken by tax deed. Selectman Tucker said we are about ready to move on some of them.

Myrtle Ledoux asked that the Trustees of the Trust Fund put the spendable amount on next year's report. George Tucker said he wants to buy a chipper out of his budget. Selectmen said go ahead.

John Miller mentioned the inadequacy of lights on Brook Rd. He asked about creating a Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Trucks. Sarah Mike pointed out that the Planning Board puts out a questionnaire worksheet to all department heads to determine if they need a Capital Reserve Fund set up. The Fire and Police Departments chose not to respond to the questionnaire.

Dale Jette moved to urge the Selectmen to sell the Town owned property taken by tax deed. The motion passed. The Moderator reminded everyone that this is an advisory vote only. Claudia Brown said there hasn't been a clear paper trail that all the strict notifications have been done. Now that she has been in office for three years, she has the records to prove it's done correctly.

Judy Gagne brought up the old Town Garage. Selectman Tucker said he thought the voters had instructed the Selectmen to get rid of it. Ted Wilkinson thought it might make sense to wait to tear down the old building until monies have been appropriated to build something for Highway Department storage.

Bruce Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$1,680,890.95

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Darling
Bethlehem Town Clerk

* Days after the Town Meeting the Selectmen were informed by the Building Inspector that the petitioned Article 10 was handled incorrectly. According to RSA 675:4 Method of Enactment by Petition, there is a specific procedure to follow and the vote should be a ballot vote.

* Norman Brown requested a recount of the constable vote. The recount of the ballots determined a tie vote. 374-374 The winner was determined by numbering two ping pong balls and pulling one out of a bag. Moderator MacBain presided over the drawing and Howard Sanborn was the winner.

STATEMENT OF LONG TERM DEBT

Town of Bethlehem - December 31, 1996

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds:

Highway Garage

Installment Note

Date Issued: May 27, 1991

Amount: \$98,000.00

Payable At: Peoples Bank of Littleton

Long Term Notes Outstanding Including Interest:

Peoples Bank of Littleton - Highway Garage	<u>\$52,469.04</u>
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Reconciliation of Outstanding Long Term Debt:

Outstanding Long Term Debt December 31, 1995	\$52,469.04
LESS Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year 1996	<u>40,801.29*</u>

Balance Paid in Full January 17, 1996

\$39,200.00 Principal

1,601.29 Interest

Outstanding Long Term Debt December 31, 1996	\$ -0-
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*Total Savings by prepayment \$11,667.75

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

206-035	Town Hall, Land and Buildings .59 AC	\$ 492,950.00
203-001	Highway Department *Not Assessed	NV

COUNTRY CLUB

203-001	Country Club Shop *Not Assessed	NV
203-001	Clubhouse	176,200.00
203-001	Land Route 302 102 AC	686,150.00
203-017	Land Prospect Street 33 AC	540,200.00
203-018	Land Prospect Street 4.7 AC	154,900.00
203-019	Land Prospect Street 1.0 AC	20,600.00

Total Country Club	1,578,050.00
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PARKS AND RECREATION

203-021	L/O N/S Main/Prospect Long Cabin Ln. 1.9 AC	53,950.00
203-025	L & Tennis Courts 1.2 AC	67,850.00
205-120	L & Playground Main/Agassiz 4.1 AC	83,050.00
206-027	L/O Elm Street (Little League)	75,750.00
206-036	L/B Town Pool	194,700.00

Total Parks and Recreation	475,300.00
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CEMETERY

203-003	L/O N/S Main "Cemetery" 1.2 AC	31,750.00
206-051	L/O Off Cemetery Street (Gift) .41 AC	3,500.00
206-056	L/O Maple & Austin Road (Gift) 2.60 AC	47,450.00
206-057	L/O Maple & Austin Road *Not Assessed 6.50 AC	NV

Total Cemetery	82,700.00
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SCHOOLS

206-015	L/U BES 3.28 AC	91,150.00
402-025	L/O Profile 17.99 AC	167,100.00
402-021	L/O Profile 5.53 AC	31,600.00

Total Schools	289,850.00
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114-005	Prospect Street Dump 24.00 AC	100,100.00
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Total Prospect Street Dump	100,100.00
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LAND AND BUILDINGS

acquired through Tax Collector's Deed (Listed by location and Map and Lot #)

201-042	L/O Lower Brook Road .38 AC	21,000.00
201-043	L/O Lower Brook Road .32 AC	18,350.00
201-050	L/O Upper Brook Road & 302 W .78 AC	30,000.00
202-037	L/O Long Hill 8.6 AC	63,800.00
202-040	L/O Cross Road .11 AC	4,450.00
202-042-220	L/O Parker Road E/S 2.1 AC	18,200.00
202-042-230	L/O Parker Road E/S 2.1 AC	18,200.00
203-032-013	L/O Fairways	35,000.00

203-032-014	L/O Fairways	35,900.00
203-032-015	L/O Fairways	35,900.00
203-032-016	L/O Fairways	35,000.00
203-032-017	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-018	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-019	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-020	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-021	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-022	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-023	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-024	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-025	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-026	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-027	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-028	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-029	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-030	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-031	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-032	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-033	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
203-032-034	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-035	L/O Fairways	15,450.00
203-032-036	L/O Fairways	14,850.00
205-028	L/O Agassiz/Cross/Jefferson 16 AC	133,300.00
205-037	L/O Agassiz Street .15 AC	6,250.00
205-037-001	L/O Harrigan Street .1 AC	6,250.00
205-042	L/O Harrigan Street 7.4 AC	41,500.00
205-049	L/O Edelweiss Drive .48 AC	14,300.00
205-050	L/O Edelweiss Drive E/S .52 AC	16,050.00
205-056	L/O Alphenhof Road N/S Lot A .42 AC	13,300.00
205-117	L/B Cross Street .45 AC	77,000.00
205-122	L/B Main Street 1.48 AC	123,800.00
206-018	L/B Main Street 3.2 AC	467,900.00
206-019	L/B Main Street 1.0 AC	49,900.00
206-020	L/O Main Street .09 AC	3,850.00
206-021	L/O N/S Main Street .39 AC	17,700.00
206-022	L/B Elm Street .30 AC	120,750.00
206-029	L/O W/S Elm Street 1.2 AC	13,800.00
206-029-001	L/O W/S Elm Street 3.1 AC	21,950.00
206-063-001	L/O Austin Road S/S 24.7 AC	89,700.00
206-068-022	L/MH Rambling Woods Trl. Pk.	11,900.00
208-057	L/O N/S Route 302 E .73 AC	18,400.00
402-007-003	L/O N/S Route 18 1.87 AC	22,450.00
403-020	L/O Caswell Heights Off I-93 .04 AC	100.00
405-021	L/O Oak Ridge Road 2.1 AC	20,300.00
405-026	L/O Oak Ridge Road 2.1 AC	21,800.00
405-054	L/O Route 116N 5.5 AC	28,600.00
406-009	L/B Forest Lake Road 3.8 AC	25,400.00
406-012	L/O SE/S Forest Lake Road 13.1 AC	46,500.00
406-026-001	L/O E/S Off Wing Road 4.53 AC	34,600.00
406-030	L/B Hazen Road N/S 3.36 AC	75,250.00

406-032-005	L/O N/S Hazen Road 2.0 AC	19,100.00
407-035-230	L/O Willson Heights Road 5.02 AC	24,200.00
407-035-240	L/O Willson Heights Road 5.02 AC	23,450.00
407-035-250	L/O Willson Heights Road 2.5 AC	15,700.00
407-035-260	L/O Willson Heights Road 3.11 AC	16,750.00
407-035-280	L/O Willson Heights Road 2.72 AC	16,300.00
407-035-290	L/O Willson Heights Road 2.58 AC	16,600.00
407-035-031	L/O Willson Heights Road 2.88 AC	32,800.00
407-035-340	L/O Willson Heights Road 2.79 AC	29,300.00
409-032-03-02	L/O Off Agassiz Road E/S 1.84 AC	10,250.00
409-034	L/O Agassiz Street	4,850.00
409-040	L/O E/S Agassiz St/Edelweiss 1.5 AC	21,800.00
409-054-100	L/B Mt. View Lane SE/S 3.30 AC	31,650.00
411-043	L/O Mt. Cleveland Road 1.8 AC	16,700.00
413-014	L/O Mt. Agassiz 5.3 AC	12,350.00
413-041	L/O Access Lot 2.2 AC	5,950.00
414-004	L/O Prospect Street E/S .33 AC	6,450.00
414-008	L/O Off Austin Road N/S 38.00 AC	81,400.00
414-021	L/O Austin Road N/S 1.9 AC	18,110.00
415-021	L/O Bethlehem Hollow	6,900.00
415-038	L/O Wing Road .4 AC	8,950.00
415-098	L/O River Bend 1.9 AC	15,050.00
415-107	L/O River Bend	9,800.00
415-134	L/O Beaver Road	11,400.00
415-147	L/O N/S Moose Trail	5,350.00
415-153	L/O River Road .43 AC	6,800.00
416-021	L/O Row 1.2 AC	10,700.00
416-028	L/O Row 1.7 AC	7,000.00
420-024	L/O Off Route 302 .11 AC	3,250.00
420-025	L/O Beech Hill .06 AC	800.00

Total	\$2,631,110.00
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OWNER UNKNOWN

203-030	L/O Park Avenue/Pine Street .41 AC	\$ 3,500.00
203-075	L/O N/S Reid Road .38 AC	11,850.00
204-055-001	L/O Paper Road .72 AC	5,150.00
205-048	L/O Doris Street .13 AC	5,700.00
206-055	L/O S/S Austin Road .67 AC	6,100.00
209-078	L/O River Road 3.9 AC	11,800.00
209-079	L/O S/S River Bend .07 AC	1,700.00
209-080	L/O S/S River Bend 2.2 AC	10,500.00
414-007	L/O Prospect Street E/S Off 14.7 AC	26,500.00
416-047	L/O E/S Hazen Road	NV
417-006	L/O Whitefield Town Line 2.7 AC	1,100.00

Total Unknown	83,900.00
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Total Town Property	\$5,733,960.00
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SUMMARY - INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Current Use Land	\$ 2,154,050.00	
Residential Land	47,527,034.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>5,524,885.00</u>	
Total Taxable Land		\$ 55,205,969.00
Residential Building	63,137,448.00	
Manufactured Housing	1,361,556.00	
Commercial/Industrial Building	<u>9,846,815.00</u>	
Total Taxable Buildings		74,345,819.00
Public Utilities		4,050,895.00
Valuation Before Exemptions		133,602,683.00
Blind Exemptions	30,000.00	
Adjusted Elderly Exemptions	<u>490,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Off Valuation		<u><u>520,000.00</u></u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed		\$133,082,683.00
Veteran Exemptions	13,300.00	
Disabled Veterans	<u>8,400.00</u>	
Total Tax Credits		<u><u>21,700.00</u></u>
Non-Taxable Land and Buildings		<u><u>\$ 34,337,420.00</u></u>

TAX RATE ON \$1,000.00 VALUATION

Municipal	\$ 3.27
County	1.12
Schools	20.85
Total	\$25.24
Village District	2.69
Total	\$27.93
Net Assessed Valuation - \$133,082,683.00	
Net Assessed Valuation - Village District - \$56,038,096.00	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Included in my budget this year is \$2,000.00 for software for the new computer system. This includes \$1,830.75 which is money I have returned to the General Fund rather than accepting vacation pay. This money, however, has to be requested in my budget even though it is in the General Fund. A breakdown of fund raisers and vacation pay follows:

Vacation Pay*		Fund raisers*	
1994	\$ 773.50	1994	\$ 614.00 Homes/Inns Tour
1995	349.00	1995	183.00 Quilt Raffle
1996	<u>708.25</u>	1996	401.00 Yard Sale
			380.00 Bake Sale
			100.00 Donation
		1997	<u>100.00</u> Donation
Totals	\$1,830.75		\$1,778.00 plus interest

* Not included in these totals are the 1993 fund raisers. The 1993 Homes/Inns Tour raised \$1,800.00 and purchased the computer in the Tax Collector's Office; the Town Yard Sale netted \$1,000.00 for the Town Pool, and I returned my vacation pay of \$442.00.

The grand total (excluding 1993) equals \$3,608.75 plus interest. The estimate for the computer software is \$3,700.00. I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise funds, especially Mary Lou Spielman, Marie Bell, Jean Wedick and Wendy Fearon; these people helped me at every one of my fund raisers. I could not have done it alone.

I applied to the Bureau of Vital Records for a grant for a computer. On February 12, 1997, the State of New Hampshire gave my office a new computer. Now all birth, death and marriage records will be done on the computer and sent through a modem to the State. This system is large enough to use for motor vehicle programs. My goal when I first ran for Town Clerk was to computerize the office without using taxpayers' money. I have accomplished this. I now have to research which software program best suits the Town's need. We will be online by May.

More people have been taking advantage of our car registration renewal-by-mail program. Just call me and I will tell you how much your checks should be; then send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will mail your renewal to you. We can also provide this service for your dog license.

1996 REVENUES

Motor Vehicles	\$ 196,209.60
Dog Licenses (455)	3,844.50
Vital Statistics	228.00
Marriage Licenses	765.00
UCC	1,002.05
Wetlands	10.00
Pole Licenses	0.00
Articles of Agreement	15.00
Filing Fees	20.00
Bounced Check Fee	<u>140.00</u>
Total	\$202,234.15

Brenda Darling
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance on Hand, January 1, 1996

(Cash Journal, reconciled)

\$ 408,472.19

Total Adjusted Receipts:

6,144,416.26

Total Expenditures:

6,201,242.37

Ending Balance on Hand, December 31, 1996

(Cash Journal, reconciled)

\$ 351,646.08

SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

Fleet Bank NH

FNMA Treasury Note

(Transferred into General Fund 01/03/97)

\$305,000.00

Escrow Accounts:

Jerome L. Barber

1,016.63

D.M. Holden, Inc.

16,371.30

New Life Assembly of God

1,035.80

Northwood Land & Timber Corp.

12,069.31

Stoneys Masonry & Gravel

7,484.72

Money Market Account

5,256.32

Peoples Bank

Adopt-A-Flag Account

471.89

Bethlehem Country Club Account

15,410.07

(Amount transferred from BCC to General Fund during 1996: \$234,000.00)

Bethlehem Pool Account

5,056.82

CDBG Account

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Conservation Commission

2,697.49

Downtown Revitalization Account

2,735.69

Open for the Season Account

2,228.25

(Town Clerk Computer Fund: \$1,719.56 General Town Donations: 508.69)

Simard Loc 90 08 (Escrow Account)

2,881.15

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Revolving Loan Fund Account

\$104,545.50

Respectfully submitted,

Teri-Ann Brown, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1996, 1995, 1994 and Prior - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

	DEBITS			
Levies of:	1996	1995	1994	Prior
Uncollected Taxes				
Beginning of Year:				
Property Taxes	\$	\$774,145.85	\$ -0-	\$12,411.12
Resident Taxes				2,420.00
Yield Taxes		3,061.63		
Taxes Committed This Year:				
Property Taxes	3,480,334.67			
Land Use Change	600.00			
Yield Taxes	58,294.65			
Overpayment:				
Property Taxes	1,947.80	2,665.72		
Interest Collected On Delinquent Tax:	4,799.83	13,630.07		23.00
Collected Resident Tax Penalties:				47.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3,545,976.95	\$793,503.27	\$ -0-	\$14,901.12
	CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	\$2,811,322.02	\$311,502.01	\$ -0-	\$7,286.39
Resident Taxes				480.00
Land Use Change	600.00			
Yield Taxes	47,851.50	2,613.46		
Interest	4,799.83	12,138.07		
Penalties		1,492.00		70.00
Conversion to Liens in 96 (95 Levy)		459,855.03		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	3,050.18	5,859.09		50.00
Resident Taxes				10.00
Yield Taxes	9,403.27			
Current Levy Deeded	16,517.59			4,911.45
Adj (-)	24.95	43.61		
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:				
Property Taxes	651,367.73			163.28
Resident Taxes				1,930.00
Yield Taxes	1,039.88			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,545,976.95	\$793,503.27	\$ -0-	\$14,901.12

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Year Ending December 31, 1996

DEBITS

		Levies		
	1996	1995	1994	Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Year	\$	\$414,935.21	\$254,340.14	\$79,185.38
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	497,996.02			
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution				
Interest	6,584.63	17,325.24	74,075.35	4,589.13
Cost	<u>904.00</u>	<u>1,459.50</u>	<u>1,712.50</u>	<u>92.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$505,484.65	\$433,719.95	\$330,127.99	\$83,866.51

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$141,381.07	\$109,659.63	\$201,618.49	\$24,172.68
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)				
Interest	6,584.63	17,325.24	74,075.35	4,589.13
Cost	904.00	1,459.50	1,712.50	92.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	333.44	22,438.59	7,083.60	
Liens Deeded to Municipalities	36,059.45	37,005.04	44,869.42	55,012.70
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	<u>320,222.06</u>	<u>245,831.95</u>	<u>768.63</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$505,484.65	\$433,719.95	\$330,127.99	\$83,866.51

REVENUES - DETAILED STATEMENT

1996 Estimated & Actual 1997 Estimated

	1996 Estimated	1996 Actual	1997 Estimated
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
TOTAL LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
RESIDENT TAXES			
Resident Tax Prior Years	<u>270.00</u>	<u>470.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL RESIDENT TAXES	270.00	470.00	-0-
YIELD TAXES			
Yield Taxes	<u>52,000.00</u>	<u>50,363.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL YIELD TAXES	52,000.00	50,363.00	25,000.00
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES			
P.I.L.O.T.	<u>202,130.00</u>	<u>184,132.71</u>	<u>188,185.64</u>
TOTAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	202,130.00	184,132.71	188,185.64
INTEREST, PENALTIES & COSTS			
Property Tax Interest	<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>125,012.61</u>	<u>115,000.00</u>
TOTAL			
INTEREST, PENALTIES & COSTS	110,000.00	125,012.61	115,000.00
BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS			
Business Licenses	125.00	37.00	125.00
UCC Filings & Certificates	<u>1,075.00</u>	<u>1,010.05</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL			
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,200.00	1,047.05	1,125.00
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	<u>187,000.00</u>	<u>196,351.10</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
TOTAL			
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	187,000.00	196,351.10	200,000.00
BUILDING PERMITS			
Building Permits	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>3,513.70</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS	2,500.00	3,513.70	3,000.00

OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Dog Licenses	2,500.00	3,844.50	4,000.00
Dog Fines	200.00	265.00	265.00
Marriage Licenses	1,125.00	765.00	800.00
Certificates - B,D, & M	<u>500.00</u>	<u>228.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	4,325.00	5,102.50	5,365.00
SHARED REVENUE			
Shared Revenue	<u>26,165.00</u>	<u>85,169.54</u>	<u>85,169.54</u>
TOTAL SHARED REVENUE	26,165.00	85,169.54	85,169.54
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT			
Highway Block Grant	<u>62,045.00</u>	<u>60,911.61</u>	<u>66,636.47</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	62,045.00	60,911.61	66,636.47
STATE & FEDERAL FOREST LAND REIMBURSEMENT			
Forest Land Reimbursement	-0-	24,243.00	24,243.00
State & Federal Forest Reimbursement	<u>21,580.00</u>	<u>10,130.86</u>	<u>4,830.86</u>
TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL FOREST LAND REIMBURSEMENT	21,580.00	34,373.86	29,073.86
OTHER (INCLUDING RAILROAD TAX)			
Disaster Assistance	-0-	1,872.00	-0-
Railroad Tax	<u>1,460.00</u>	<u>1,395.05</u>	<u>1,395.05</u>
TOTAL OTHER (INCLUDING RAILROAD TAX)	1,460.00	3,267.05	1,395.05
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Village District	<u>28,600.00</u>	<u>17,402.70</u>	<u>47,636.75</u>
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	28,600.00	17,402.70	47,636.75
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS			
Income from Copy Machine	500.00	635.20	635.00
Income from Lists & Maps	100.00	150.00	150.00
Current Use Applications	200.00	225.00	225.00
Landfill Stickers	150.00	1,783.00	750.00
Pay Phone Commissions	250.00	240.89	240.89
Pistol Permits	150.00	164.00	164.00
Police Reports	300.00	570.00	570.00
Court Fines	200.00	-0-	-0-
Court Fees	50.00	30.00	30.00

Fire Reports	30.00	-0-	-0-
Planning Board Fees	2,000.00	2,379.81	2,000.00
Zoning Board Fees	150.00	-0-	-0-
Pool Revenue	7,000.00	6,044.84	6,300.00
Cemetery Fees	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME			
FROM DEPARTMENTS	15,080.00	13,622.74	12,464.89
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY			
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	7,000.00	35,803.92	35,803.92
Sale of Personal Property	<u>-0-</u>	<u>549.50</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL SALE OF			
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	7,000.00	36,353.42	35,803.92
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			
Interest on Checking	3,300.00	3,331.99	2,700.00
Interest on Other Investments	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	3,500.00	3,331.99	2,700.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS			
REVENUES			
Playground Donations	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,195.46</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER			
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	-0-	5,195.46	2,500.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS			
REVENUES			
Insurance Refunds	-0-	537.00	375.00
Refunds - Other	-0-	-0-	-0-
Reimbursements HES	310.00	309.67	-0-
Reimbursements-Other	-0-	82.09	75.00
Reimbursements Welfare	-0-	-0-	-0-
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>-0-</u>	<u>847.76</u>	<u>550.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER			
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	310.00	1,776.52	1,000.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
BCC	269,700.00	248,014.56	265,517.00
Solid Waste Disposal	63,700.00	59,336.53	59,336.53
Closure Prospect Street Dump	<u>-0-</u>	<u>25,455.68</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	<u>333,400.00</u>	<u>332,806.77</u>	<u>324,853.53</u>
BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,059,565.00	\$1,160,204.33	\$1,146,909.65

EXPENDITURES - DETAILED STATEMENT

1996 Budget & Actual 1997 Budget

	1996 Budget	1996 Actual	1997 Budget
EXECUTIVE:			
Overseer of Welfare	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,678.00
Health Officer Salary	150.00	150.00	450.00
Administrative Assistant Salary	22,610.00	22,529.50	23,606.00
Selectmens' Salaries	4,800.00	4,800.00	6,000.00
BC/BS	2,251.00	2,250.12	2,599.00
SS/MC	2,262.00	2,289.52	2,504.15
NHRE	-0-	562.95	870.00
Registry	300.00	229.51	300.00
Telephone	1,233.00	1,179.62	1,200.00
Services	23,100.00	16,736.42	19,000.00
Insurance	7,855.00	6,136.89	6,300.00
Supplies	4,435.00	2,405.53	2,500.00
Postage	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>1,489.75</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXECUTIVE	74,096.00	63,359.81	70,007.15
ELECTION/REGISTRATION/ VITAL STATISTICS			
Town Clerk Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Town Clerk Fees	11,486.00	10,359.50	11,000.00
Deputy Town Clerk	1,336.00	968.84	1,200.00
Moderator	350.00	350.00	300.00
Supervisors of Checklist	900.00	1,080.30	1,200.00
Ballot Clerks	1,530.00	1,060.00	400.00
SS/MC	1,249.00	1,185.63	1,200.00
Meals	1,000.00	954.28	300.00
Telephone	583.00	514.50	583.00
Services/Supplies	1,575.00	1,373.24	5,500.00
Payments to Government Agencies	<u>2,015.00</u>	<u>1,829.50</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL ELECTION/REGISTRATION/ VITAL STATISTICS	25,524.00	23,175.79	27,183.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Tax Collector's Salary	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,489.00
Tax Collector's Fees	8,864.00	8,964.00	8,800.00
Deputy Tax Collector	5,240.00	5,013.16	5,397.00
Treasurer's Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,605.00
Deputy Treasurer's Salary	250.00	-0-	250.00
SS/MC	1,672.00	1,818.97	1,896.00
Registry	1,400.00	1,644.30	1,600.00
Telephone	565.00	586.69	575.00
Information Systems	7,480.00	3,128.58	9,400.00
Services	6,700.00	5,522.74	5,700.00

Supplies	1,585.00	1,481.07	1,585.00
Postage	<u>1,548.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	45,104.00	39,759.51	46,897.00
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY			
Revaluation Services	<u>10,600.00</u>	<u>4,532.45</u>	<u>10,600.00</u>
TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	10,600.00	4,532.45	10,600.00
LEGAL EXPENSE			
Legal Expense	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>2,576.08</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSE	15,000.00	2,576.08	12,000.00
PLANNING & ZONING			
Secretary's Salary	15,330.00	15,691.01	16,162.00
BC/BS	2,251.00	2,250.12	2,599.00
SS/MC	1,173.00	1,200.39	1,279.00
NHRE	-0-	467.76	606.00
Planner	250.00	-0-	-0-
Legal Expense	2,000.00	148.82	2,000.00
Advertising	700.00	1,045.35	700.00
Telephone	576.00	565.68	576.00
Services	2,000.00	572.32	500.00
Insurance	670.00	670.00	725.00
Supplies	1,000.00	388.41	500.00
Postage	<u>300.00</u>	<u>389.60</u>	<u>400.00</u>
TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING	26,250.00	23,389.46	26,047.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
Salaries	24,085.00	19,307.03	24,808.00
BC/BS	3,377.00	4,125.22	4,765.00
SS/MC	1,842.00	1,476.99	1,893.00
NHRE	-0-	473.90	762.00
Services	6,500.00	4,341.33	6,500.00
Lights	5,845.00	3,863.76	4,500.00
Fuel	6,590.00	6,286.72	7,000.00
Insurance	4,036.00	4,036.00	4,036.00
Supplies	2,000.00	5,398.55	2,000.00
Vehicle Reimbursement	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	54,275.00	49,309.50	57,564.00
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC.			
Information Booth Salary	3,500.00	2,480.51	3,500.00
Information Booth SS/MC	268.00	189.80	268.00
Information Booth Services	500.00	237.40	500.00

Promotional Advertising	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
North Country Council	2,114.00	2,113.94	2,109.00
Holiday/Decorating	1,300.00	1,290.69	1,300.00
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	-0-	-0-	1,020.00
North Country YMCA	-0-	-0-	250.00
TOTAL ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	8,932.00	7,562.34	10,197.00
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Forester Salary	6,000.00	5,500.00	5,400.00
Forester	-0-	62.10	-0-
Forester SS/MC	459.00	420.75	413.00
Forester Services/Supplies	1,200.00	1,022.08	2,100.00
Town Lines	3,000.00	316.00	5,000.00
Town Signs	2,500.00	895.39	1,000.00
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	13,159.00	8,216.32	13,913.00
POLICE			
Police Chief Salary	32,055.00	26,530.91	36,750.00
Officers' Salaries	97,010.00	86,960.14	98,088.00
BC/BS	9,400.00	8,250.44	14,800.00
SS/MC	2,850.00	2,506.88	2,814.00
NHRTS	2,650.00	2,289.63	4,102.00
Telephone	1,619.00	1,686.69	-0-
Services/Supplies	5,000.00	19,057.53	7,300.00
Cruiser Purchase/Lease	-0-	-0-	3,500.00
Insurance	9,340.00	9,340.00	9,340.00
Fuel/Gas	2,490.00	2,918.25	7,300.00
Cruiser Maintenance	1,681.00	3,996.59	5,000.00
Vehicle Reimbursement-Chief	4,601.00	3,096.80	-0-
Radar Grant	-0-	-0-	1,045.00
TOTAL POLICE	168,696.00	166,633.86	190,039.00
AMBULANCE			
Attendants	1,526.00	1,778.00	2,300.00
Training	-0-	-0-	1,500.00
Services/Supplies	2,232.00	3,659.12	2,500.00
Insurance	223.00	1,467.00	1,500.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE	3,981.00	6,904.12	7,800.00
FIRE			
Fire Chief Salary	2,890.00	1,945.30	3,500.00
Volunteer Firemen	2,303.00	2,205.00	4,000.00
Assistant Fire Chief	-0-	-0-	1,500.00
Forest Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	-0-
SS/MC	221.00	149.10	383.00

Training	6,300.00	4,509.00	18,075.00
Telephone	2,120.00	1,773.89	-0-
Services/Supplies	5,210.00	10,380.19	3,300.00
Out-of-District Hydrants	159.00	158.40	3,759.00
WA Fire Tanker Purchase	-0-	-0-	98,000.00
Insurance	6,990.00	5,565.00	7,000.00
Fuel/Gas	2,080.00	792.07	1,200.00
Equipment/Vehicle Repair	660.00	4,265.82	10,500.00
Vehicle Reimbursement-Chief	2,108.00	1,418.90	-0-
Equipment Purchase	-0-	-0-	14,000.00
Communication Upgrade	-0-	-0-	28,216.00
TOTAL FIRE	31,291.00	33,412.67	193,433.00
BUILDING INSPECTION			
Salary	4,400.00	4,635.00	4,400.00
SS/MC	337.00	354.59	337.00
Supplies	250.00	747.00	250.00
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	4,987.00	5,736.59	4,987.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Supplies	100.00	-0-	100.00
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	100.00	-0-	100.00
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY			
Radio Enhancement	-0-	-0-	9,000.00
PD-FD Dispatcher	45,261.00	45,692.02	35,840.00
PD-FD Benefits	-0-	-0-	4,076.00
PD-FD BC/BS	4,502.00	3,375.18	5,198.00
PD-FD SS/MC	3,463.00	3,495.46	2,742.00
PD-FD NHRE	-0-	280.85	1,384.00
911 PD Telephone	-0-	-0-	1,550.00
Insurance	978.00	978.00	1,000.00
FD Dispatcher	-0-	-0-	15,330.00
FD Benefits	-0-	-0-	1,543.00
FD BC/BS	-0-	-0-	2,599.00
FD SS/MC	-0-	-0-	1,173.00
911 FD Telephone	-0-	-0-	1,060.00
PD-FD Business Phone	-0-	-0-	1,200.00
TOTAL OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	54,204.00	53,821.51	83,695.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Road Agent's Salary	32,758.00	32,983.82	32,918.00
Salary	93,820.00	88,114.45	98,432.00
Construction Salary	-0-	7,451.71	-0-
BC/BS	12,381.00	10,325.73	12,000.00
SS/MC	9,683.00	9,833.76	10,128.00

NHRE	-0-	2,300.92	5,000.00
Telephone	820.00	677.26	700.00
Services	5,500.00	5,991.70	5,500.00
Lights	2,183.00	2,212.41	2,200.00
Equipment Rental	6,000.00	5,620.00	6,000.00
Sander Purchase	9,500.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
Insurance	22,422.00	20,649.00	21,000.00
Supplies	10,000.00	10,788.53	10,000.00
Fuel & Lubricants	16,000.00	18,270.08	19,000.00
Equipment Repair	20,000.00	46,411.56	30,000.00
Vehicle Reimbursement	1,300.00	275.00	1,300.00
Sand, Gravel & Stone	40,000.00	17,612.29	25,000.00
Salt	9,500.00	13,811.00	14,000.00
Asphalt	71,000.00	63,979.29	65,000.00
Other Construction Material	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	367,867.00	366,308.51	373,178.00
STREET LIGHTING			
Lights	<u>27,320.00</u>	<u>25,104.88</u>	<u>27,500.00</u>
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	27,320.00	25,104.88	27,500.00
ANIMAL CONTROL			
Salary	3,264.00	3,159.96	4,200.00
SS/MC	250.00	241.80	321.00
Services/Supplies	<u>650.00</u>	<u>208.09</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	4,164.00	3,609.85	5,021.00
HEALTH AGENCIES/HOSPITALS			
Upper Valley Senior Citizens	3,006.00	3,006.00	3,100.00
North Country Home Health	4,965.00	4,965.00	5,064.00
White Mountain Mental Health	3,060.00	3,060.00	3,060.00
Hospice of Littleton	1,220.00	1,220.00	1,220.00
American Red Cross	813.00	813.00	813.00
Littleton Hospital	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
Lancaster Humane Society	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL HEALTH			
AGENCIES/HOSPITALS	13,064.00	13,064.00	15,257.00
DIRECT ASSISTANCE			
Rent	12,000.00	12,991.50	12,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,851.82	3,000.00
Lights	3,000.00	2,010.38	2,500.00
Fuel	<u>750.00</u>	<u>408.14</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE	16,750.00	18,261.84	18,500.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE
PAYMENTS

Community Action Program	<u>1,575.00</u>	<u>1,575.00</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
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TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL
WELFARE PAYMENTS

1,575.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
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PARKS/RECREATION

Pool Salaries	12,430.00	10,282.44	13,180.00
Pool SS/MC	951.00	786.65	949.00
Pool Telephone	230.00	177.04	225.00
Pool Services	6,475.00	8,704.67	8,100.00
Pool Lights	3,563.00	2,873.32	3,100.00
Pool Insurance	1,704.00	1,666.00	1,704.00
Mt. Agassiz Trail Assoc.	-0-	-0-	-0-
Little League Services/Supplies	4,100.00	4,066.23	3,200.00
Little League Field Improvements	4,000.00	610.49	3,000.00
Little League Insurance	1,042.00	792.00	1,042.00
Skating Rink Salary	1,390.00	2,310.00	1,500.00
Skating Rink SS/MC	107.00	176.73	109.00
Tennis Court Services/Supplies	500.00	-0-	-0-
Park Improvements	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

TOTAL PARKS/RECREATION

36,592.00	32,445.57	36,109.00
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LIBRARY

Services	<u>22,100.00</u>	<u>22,100.00</u>	<u>22,857.00</u>
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TOTAL LIBRARY

22,100.00	22,100.00	22,857.00
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OTHER CONSERVATION

Services	<u>950.00</u>	<u>950.00</u>	<u>975.00</u>
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TOTAL OTHER CONSERVATION

950.00	950.00	975.00
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Police Cruiser	11,000.00	11,000.00	-0-
Highway Truck	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Revaluation	50,000.00	50,000.00	15,000.00
Town Properties ADA	-0-	419.00	-0-
Town Building Renovations	25,000.00	25,000.00	-0-
Building Demolition	20,000.00	20,000.00	-0-
Highway Loader	-0-	-0-	45,000.00
Ambulance	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

146,000.00	146,419.00	110,000.00
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IMPROVEMENTS OTHER
THAN BUILDINGS

Playground Enhancement	3,565.95	5,765.67	5,000.00
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Main Street Revitalization	-0-	-0-	22,500.00
Bicentennial Celebration	-0-	-0-	7,500.00
Cemetery Expansion	-0-	-0-	3,000.00
Administrator	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS			
OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	3,565.95	5,765.67	63,000.00
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			
BCC	269,700.00	251,237.65	265,505.00
Solid Waste Disposal	63,700.00	59,788.35	63,700.00
Closure Prospect Street Dump	<u>115,342.00</u>	<u>40,473.93</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	448,742.00	351,499.93	329,205.00
PRINCIPAL LONG TERM			
BONDS/NOTES			
Principal Long Term Bond/Note	<u>39,200.00</u>	<u>39,200.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL PRINCIPAL			
LONG TERM BONDS/NOTES	39,200.00	39,200.00	-0-
INTEREST LONG TERM			
BONDS/NOTES			
Interest Long Term Bond/Note	<u>1,602.00</u>	<u>1,601.29</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL INTEREST			
LONG TERM BONDS/NOTES	1,602.00	1,601.29	-0-
INTEREST - T.A.N.'S			
Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>15,200.00</u>	<u>11,066.35</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
TOTAL INTEREST - T.A.N.'S	<u>15,200.00</u>	<u>11,066.35</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
BUDGET TOTAL	\$1,680,890.95	\$1,527,361.90	\$1,773,164.15
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - BCC			
HS Salary	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 2,326.06	\$27,500.00
HS Contract Staff	22,000.00	22,000.00	-0-
HS SS/MC	158.00	177.99	200.00
HS Advertising	2,500.00	2,945.96	5,000.00
HS Telephone	988.00	996.49	1,000.00
HS Services/Supplies	5,000.00	5,110.30	5,000.00
HS Due General Fund	-0-	-0-	16,598.19
HS Ghin-Handicap	2,400.00	2,136.00	2,400.00
HS Lights	3,282.00	2,653.80	1,500.00
HS Heat	500.00	-0-	-0-
HS Building Maintenance	600.00	234.12	400.00
HS Improvements	2,500.00	2,201.00	-0-
HS Insurance	500.00	701.00	700.00

HS Refunds	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
HS Dues/Prof Meeting	300.00	250.00	300.00
HS Fuel/Lubricant	2,200.00	2,453.65	2,600.00
HS Bank Service Fees	1,200.00	31.89	200.00
HS Golf Car Rental	19,000.00	19,007.29	19,000.00
HS Pro Incentive	12,000.00	9,935.71	10,500.00
HS Pro Retainer	26,900.00	26,926.20	26,900.00
CR Salary	61,602.00	60,308.03	67,314.00
CR BC/BS	1,450.00	1,500.08	1,750.00
CR SS/MC	4,713.00	4,613.97	5,150.00
CR Telephone	622.00	756.79	750.00
CR Services	2,100.00	514.33	1,000.00
CR Lights	347.00	304.39	378.00
CR Improvements	34,500.00	31,845.93	13,401.81
CR Reserve For Improvement	5,638.00	4,294.97	-0-
CR Equipment Rental	1,500.00	292.70	1,500.00
CR Equipment Purchase	25,000.00	22,075.00	25,000.00
CR Insurance	7,400.00	6,482.00	7,400.00
CR Dues/Prof Meetings	440.00	374.00	200.00
CR Supplies	2,600.00	2,904.38	3,000.00
CR Chemicals	9,000.00	8,097.36	10,000.00
CR Fuel/Lubricant	2,200.00	2,175.98	2,500.00
CR Equipment Repair	5,500.00	4,610.28	5,500.00
Vehicle Reimbursement	-0-	-0-	875.00
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-BCC	\$269,700.00	\$251,237.65	\$265,517.00

BETHLEHEM COUNTRY CLUB REVENUE 1996

Membership	\$ 75,806.56
Green Fees	48,961.00
Golf Cars	47,234.17
GHIN	1,857.00
Locker	70.00
Innkeeper	21,785.00
Advertising	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	7,709.00
Timber Sales	35,010.51
Pro Shop Com.	3,797.67
Restaurant Com.	<u>1,783.65</u>
TOTAL	\$ 248,014.56

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SALARIES

Ball, Courtney - Pool	42.00
Beane, Seth - Highway	19,765.00
Bocash, William - Pool	2,764.00
Brooks, Glenn - Police	28,669.00
Brown, Chet - Dog Officer	3,160.00
Brown, Claudia - Tax Collector	15,520.00
Brown, Derek - Highway	1,039.00
Brown, Norman - Police	5,117.00
Brown, Teri-Ann - Treasurer	3,500.00
Burns, Melodie - Info Booth	635.00
Bushway, Raymond - Selectman	1,600.00
Campbell, Colby - Pool	2,233.00
Clark, Frances - Dispatch	11,160.00
Clark, Harry - Police	522.00
Collins, Melanie - Dispatch	392.00
Courchaine, Matthew - BCC	7,509.00
Darling, Brenda - Town Clerk	13,629.00
Davis, Philip - Checklist	300.00
Derrington, James - Police	263.00
Doyle, Jeremy - Highway	11,930.00
Dyne, Mikel - Police	522.00
Englert, William - Police	9,858.00
Gagne, Judy - Checklist	300.00
Gonyer, Lewis - BCC	6,442.00
Guest, Claudia - Dispatch	685.00
Hassan, Donald - BCC	8,403.00
Holmes, Cindy - Administrative Assistant	22,366.00
Keller, John - Forester	5,500.00
King Jr., Charles - Highway	22,678.00
Laleme, Mary - Dispatch	7,500.00
Lambert, Dianne - Dept. Tax Collector	18,252.00
Mardin, Lawrence - Info Booth	1,845.00
McCullock, Kenneth - Police	1,501.00
Mike, Sarah - Selectman	1,200.00
Miles, Eugene - Highway	19,530.00
Miller, David - Police	1,119.00
Miller, John - Dispatch	265.00
Moodie, Edward - Highway	21,444.00
Nelson, Julia - Dispatch	4,160.00
Newell, Harry - Bldg. Inspector	4,635.00
Pelletier, Rita - Pool	805.00
Pilotte, David - BCC	9,408.00
Robie Sr., Richard - Police	201.00
Sanborn, Howard - Police	23,359.00
Sargent, Cheryl - Planning Brd. Sec.	18,291.00
Sargent, David - BCC	7,348.00

Simmons, Christa - Pool	1,716.00
Stevens, Michael - Police	29,010.00
Sykes, Ann - Supervisor Checklist	300.00
Symonds, Donna - Dispatch	10,010.00
Trombley, Cathy - Dispatch	11,050.00
Tucker III, George - Road Agent	32,983.00
Tucker, Daniel - Selectman	1,600.00
Verret, Henry - Police	28,980.00
Warner, Steven - BCC	26,206.00
Wedick Jr., John - Selectman	400.00
Whipple, Brent - Pool	2,720.00
Wright, Daniel - Highway	5,778.00

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS

Brown, Bruce	\$ 7.00
Charland, Brian	21.00
Davis, Phil	273.00
Demers, William	28.00
Garneau, Evelyn	161.00
Goodell, Carol	7.00
Guest, Claudia	7.00
Guest, Peter	147.00
Ireland, John	7.00
King, Jr., Charles	154.00
King, Charles	14.00
King, Chris	7.00
King, Jackie	385.00
LaRocque, David	7.00
Miller, John	210.00
Moody, Ed	21.00
Robie, Dick	210.00
Robie, Rick	105.00
Warner, Steve	<u>7.00</u>
Total	\$1,778.00

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Anderson, Jack	\$115.50
Brown, Bruce	229.50
Brown, Curt	236.50
Brown, Derek	302.50
Charland, Brian	222.50
Clark, Bing	230.50
Davis, Phil	54.50
Derrington, Jim	63.00
Dufour, Ken	63.00
Ferland, Ernie	260.50
Ferland, Justin	75.00
Ferland, Todd	192.50
Guest, Peter	30.00
Hodge, Walter	104.00
King, Chip	396.50
King, Chris	301.00
Leslie, Mark	157.00
Lucas, Butch	82.00
Lucas, Ralph	82.00
MacBain, Alistar	157.00
MacBain, Danielle	75.00
Marvin, Rodney	78.00
Miller, John	304.50
Mitchell, Deborah	112.00
Moodie, Dennis	70.50
Moodie, Ed	80.50
Robie, Dick	220.50
Robie, Jill	97.00
Robie, John	318.50
Robie, Rick	458.50
Shick, Roland	15.00
Siggins, Dennis	52.00
Symonds, Bill	264.00
Tetrault, Ernie	45.00
Trombley, Dean	245.50
Verret, Hank	30.00
Ward, Bob	157.00
Webster, Brian	75.00
Weston, Lon	7.00
Whitcomb, Michael	<u>175.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,235.50

JOINT COMMUNITY WORK PROJECT #2 - 1996

Town Recreation Area Development Project

- Joint initiative by Bethlehem Board of Selectmen, Recreation Committee and North Country Environmental Services, Inc. (NCES)
- Site work that began on the Recreation Area in 1995 has been completed. The goals set out by the Recreation Committee, the Board of Selectmen and NCES for 1996 included:
 - Erosion repair
 - Installation of fencing around the basketball courts
 - Preparation of water lines and electrical conduit for long-term projects
- Funding sources include:

• North Country Environmental Services	\$25,000.00
• Playground Enhancement Funds	\$3,565.00
• Recreation Committee Fundraising	\$5,175.00
- 1997 will see a continued effort on the part of both public and private sectors for the maintenance and enhancement of the Recreation Area.

Continuing goals include:

- Finish work to the volleyball court
- Plantings throughout the Recreation Area
- Benches and picnic tables throughout the Recreation Area

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS Year Ending December 31, 1996

	Balance 12/31/95	Withdrawals	Contributions	Income	Balance 12/31/96	Principal
Cruft, Town Building	\$ 19,306.95	\$ 5,847.65	\$ 0.00	\$ 712.72	\$ 14,172.02	\$ 10,000.00
Phillips/Cruft, Needy Children	23,364.18	1,000.00	0.00	1,144.50	23,508.68	6,500.00
Jeffries, Park Building	1,250.70	0.00	0.00	63.61	1,314.31	1,000.00
West, Library	518.71	0.00	0.00	26.00	544.71	700.00
Cemetery	29,734.84	125.00	0.00	1,511.98	31,121.82	14,030.00
CAPITAL RESERVE						
Village Distr., PU. Truck	10,151.72	0.00	5,000.00	560.96	15,712.68	
Highway Dump Truck	21,284.75	53,850.00	40,000.00	355.39	7,790.14	
Police Cruiser	10,330.98	10,359.56	11,000.00	32.31	11,003.73	
Town Properties, ADA Fund	71,152.01	14,736.22	0.00	3,445.48	59,861.27	
Revaluation Fund	35,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	1,710.61	86,710.61	
Prospt. St. Dump Closure	75,000.00	8,787.67	40,307.68	4,483.80	111,003.81	
Wastewater Maintenance	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	43.51	5,043.51	
Building Demolition	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	6.78	20,006.78	
Town Building Renovations	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	8.48	25,008.48	
TOTALS	\$ 297,094.84	\$ 94,706.10	\$ 196,307.68	\$ 14,106.13	\$ 412,802.55	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The statistics below will tell you much about the Library. It is a busy place.

The Library sponsored eight programs at the Hillview Community Room this year. Mildred Chamberlain was in charge of arranging the programs and the Trustees furnished the refreshments. Three programs were held at the Durrell Methodist Church, which has a handicap ramp. In July, a program of slides and a lecture was presented by Bryant F. Tolles, Jr. on the "Grand Hotels of the White Mountains: A Vanishing Architectural Legacy." About 75 people enjoyed this program.

Two more programs followed: Robert Every spoke of the hike with his young sons on the entire Appalachian Trail. About four summers were spent on the hike. Their experiences and the closeness that developed between father and sons was an unforgettable experience. Wilbur Willey from North Littleton delighted his audience with readings from his weekly column in the *White Mountain Shopper* entitled "Where There's a Will." His New England humor is most entertaining. Both programs were well attended.

In November, Beth Anderson of Bethlehem joined the Library Staff as a Library Aide covering ten hours a week. Barbara Meany gave hundreds of hours as a volunteer which was much appreciated. Jean Wedick also has been a volunteer and fills in for me when I am absent.

Two successful book sales during the summer and our on-going sale in the Library helps with the book budget. Our audio program is in much demand and we appreciate Paul Lister's gift of audios. We also thank all those who donate books to the Library for additions to our collections or for our sales.

In closing, keep in mind we have out grown the space here and this will have to be addressed in the near future.

Muriel Brown

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

CIRCULATION:

Adult Fiction	5,330
Adult Non-fiction	1,481
Juvenile	2,766
Magazines	2,649
Audios and Videos	846

ACCESSIONS:

Adult Fiction 309, Adult Non-Fiction 105, Juvenile 164,
Magazines 58, Audio Cassettes 90, Videos 6, Memorial Gifts 21

New registrations 113 bring the number to 1671.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

**1997 ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
WARRANT
&
BUDGET**

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Building in said Bethlehem on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March 1997, at nine o'clock in the morning (the polls to close at 6:00 p.m.; business meeting to be held at the Bethlehem Elementary School on Saturday, the fifteenth day of March 1997, at 9:00 a.m.) to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to include the following as paragraph #7 under the definitions in the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance:

"Lot - all land in fee ownership excluding any land under public rights-of-way, streets or highways." (Ballot Vote) (The Planning Board approves of this Amendment)

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance which currently reads "To see if the Town will vote to adopt the B.O.C.A. Code (three) 3 copies of which are on file in the Planning Board Office of the Town Building being marked and designated as 'The B.O.C.A. National Building Code, Tenth Administrators International, Inc.' be and is hereby adopted as the Building Code of the Town of Bethlehem in the State of New Hampshire; for the control of buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all terms of said B.O.C.A. National Building Code, are herein referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in the Ordinance, with additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 3 of this Ordinance."

If amended this Ordinance would read as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to provide that all single family dwellings and their outbuildings be exempt from the B.O.C.A. Code." (Ballot Vote) (The Planning Board approves of this Amendment)

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as presented by petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance which currently reads:

"Further no solid waste disposal facility, site or expansion of any existing landfills shall be located in any district except a facility operated by the Town. This prohibition shall include but not be limited by any private solid waste disposal facility or site, sanitary landfill or incinerator."

If amended this Ordinance would read as follows:

"Further no solid waste disposal facility or expansion of such a facility shall be located in any district except (1) a facility operated by the Town or (2) upon any parcel which includes the site of an existing facility if (a) the incremental expansion does not exceed four acres; and (b) a special exception is obtained; (c) the owner of the facility signs a host community agreement with the Town; and (d) any necessary Planning Board approval is obtained. This prohibition shall include but not be limited by any private solid waste disposal facility or site, sanitary landfill or incinerator." (Ballot Vote) (By Petition) (The Planning Board approves of this Amendment)

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Bethlehem Floodplain Ordinance to include the following definitions, variance criteria and insurance notices as mandated by the Office of State Planning, Concord, New Hampshire:

“FEMA” means Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“Historic Structure” means a structure that is:

- a.) Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- b.) Certified by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historic significance of a registered or determined to be registered a historic district.
- c.) Individually listed on a state inventory in states with historic preservation programs approved by the Secretary of the Interior.
- d.) Individually listed on a local inventory with programs that have been certified by an approved state program or directly by the Secretary of the Interior.

“Substantial damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

ITEM IX. Variances and Appeals

1. Any order, requirement, decision or determination of the building inspector made under this Ordinance may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as set forth in RSA 676:5.
2. If the applicant, upon appeal, requests a variance as authorized by RSA 674:33-I(b), the applicant shall have the burden of showing in addition to the usual variance standards under the state law:
 - a.) that the variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extra-ordinary public expense.
 - b.) that if the requested variance is for activity within a designated regulatory floodway, no increase in the flood levels during the base flood discharge will result.
 - c.) that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
3. The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall notify the applicant in writing that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25.00 for \$100.00 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variance actions. (Ballot Vote) (The Planning Board approves of this Amendment)

ARTICLE 6. Are you in favor of increasing The Board of Selectmen to five members? (Ballot Vote) (By Petition)

ARTICLE 7. Are you in favor of eliminating the position of Constable? (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 8. Are you in favor of changing the term of the Town Clerk from three (3) years to one (1) year, beginning with the term of the Town Clerk who shall be elected at next year's regular Town Meeting? (Ballot Vote) (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted, \$ 1,510,164.15 - budget total exclusive of warrant articles.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,500.00 to be used toward the Main Street Revitalization initiative. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Highway Dump Truck. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Revaluation. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a new highway loader and to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$98,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new tanker for the Fire Department, subject to the approval of the voters at the Annual Village District meeting to pay half of the purchase price. Designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a new ambulance and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for a part time administrator to assist the Board of Selectmen. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town of Bethlehem will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$7,500.00 to be put into a non-lapsing account not to exceed beyond the year 1999 in order to offset the funding of a celebration of the Town of Bethlehem's Bicentennial celebration. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 18. Are you in favor of the Town bearing the responsibility for the organization of the Fire Department, such that the Fire Chief is appointed by the Selectmen, and the Firefighters are appointed by the Fire Chief, with the Town holding final responsibility for the financial affairs of the Department? A negative vote will mean that the Village District shall have the final responsibility with regard to the organization of the Fire Department, with the Fire Chief appointed by the District Commissioners, and the Firefighters appointed by that Fire Chief, with final financial responsibility for the Fire Department held by the Village District. The vote on this warrant article establishes the method by which the Fire Department shall be organized under RSA 154:1. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this article)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and return said funds to the Town's General Fund to offset taxes. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this article)

ARTICLE 20. Are you in favor of the Bethlehem Country Club being operated as:

- A. An amenity, operated by the Town, with no revenue from the Club going to the Town's General Fund. (Self supporting)
- B. A for profit business operated by the Town, with a percentage of revenue going to the Town's General Fund.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the processing, storage, and the landspreading of wastes treatment sludge/biosphere, including, but not limited to, sewage, paper and pulp mill sludge, whether it be wet, dry, composted, pelletized, mixed with other materials, or injected on or into the land in the Town of Bethlehem until regulations are enacted by the Selectmen or the Planning Board with public involvement, to control such activity. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to:

- 1) To appoint a committee of concerned residents to raise and expend the moneys (from private sources) needed to erect a monument in memory of Chief Howard Sanborn to honor his 50 years of service to our community.
- 2) The location of the monument (on Town property) will be determined by the appointed committee and Select persons. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to hold in reserve for use as the future home of the Bethlehem Historical Society the so-called recreation hall building which is part of the Chase Tennis Camp property, formerly Maplehurst Hotel, along with the appropriate amount of land with direct access to Main Street. The period of reservation will be limited to three years from the date the Town acquired title to the Chase Tennis Camp property to allow formation and incorporation of the Bethlehem Historical Society. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to revoke the authority of the Selectmen to act as agents to expend moneys from the following Capital Reserve Funds:

- 1) Highway Dump Truck
- 2) Police Cruiser
- 3) Town Building Renovation
- 4) Building Demolition

(Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to require that all aggregates (sand, gravel and stone) purchased for use on Town roads shall be purchased under an open competitively bid contract and that all such aggregates shall meet N. H. Department of Transportation (NH DOT) specification. This article shall take effect on adoption. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to retire the position of Constable in honor of the late Constable and Chief of Police Howard E. Sanborn who held the position of Constable for almost 50 years. The unpaid position of Constable is no longer needed because in recent years most of the duties and responsibilities of the Constable were taken over by the Chief of Police with the remainder being handled by the Grafton County Sheriff. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of the personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and sealed this 24th day of February, 1997.

Raymond F. Bushway
Daniel C. Tucker
Sarah Mike

Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997
Taxes:			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Resident Taxes	270.00	470.00	-0-
Yield Taxes	52,000.00	50,363.00	25,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	202,130.00	184,132.71	188,185.64
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	110,000.00	125,012.61	115,000.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees:			
Business Licenses and Permits	1,200.00	1,047.05	1,125.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	187,000.00	196,351.10	200,000.00
Building Permits	2,500.00	3,513.70	3,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4,325.00	5,102.50	5,365.00
From State:			
Shared Revenue	26,165.00	85,169.54	85,169.54
Highway Block Grant	62,045.00	60,911.61	66,636.47
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	21,580.00	36,245.86	29,073.86
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	1,460.00	1,395.05	1,395.05
From Other Governments	28,600.00	17,402.70	47,636.75
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	15,080.00	13,622.74	12,464.89
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Sale of Municipal Property	7,000.00	36,353.42	35,803.92
Interest on Investments	3,500.00	3,331.99	2,700.00
Other	310.00	6,971.98	3,500.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Special Revenue Funds	<u>333,400.00</u>	<u>332,806.77</u>	<u>324,853.53</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$1,059,565.00</u>	<u>\$1,160,204.33</u>	<u>\$1,146,909.65</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

Subtotal 1 Recommended	\$1,773,164.15
Subtotal 2 "Individual" Warrant Articles	208,000.00
Subtotal 3 Special Warrant Articles as defined by Law	<u>55,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	1,773,164.15
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	<u>1,146,909.65</u>
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	\$ 626,254.50

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1996	Expend. 1996	Approp. 1997
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 74,096.00	\$ 63,359.81	\$ 70,007.15
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	25,524.00	23,175.79	27,183.00
Financial Administration	45,104.00	39,759.51	46,897.00
Revaluation of Property	10,600.00	4,532.45	10,600.00
Legal Expense	15,000.00	2,576.08	12,000.00
Planning and Zoning	26,250.00	23,389.46	26,047.00
General Government Building	54,275.00	49,309.50	57,564.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	8,932.00	7,562.34	10,197.00
Other General Government	13,159.00	8,216.32	13,913.00
Public Safety:			
Police	168,696.00	166,633.86	190,039.00
Ambulance	3,981.00	6,904.12	7,800.00
Fire	31,291.00	33,412.67	193,433.00
Building Inspection	4,987.00	5,736.59	4,987.00
Emergency Management	100.00	-0-	100.00
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	54,204.00	53,821.51	83,695.00
Highways and Streets:			
Highways and Streets	367,867.00	366,308.51	373,178.00
Street Lighting	27,320.00	25,104.88	27,500.00
Health:			
Animal Control	4,164.00	3,609.85	5,021.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	13,064.00	13,064.00	15,257.00
Welfare:			
Direct Assistance	16,750.00	18,261.84	18,500.00
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	1,575.00	1,575.00	2,100.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation	36,592.00	32,445.57	36,109.00
Library	22,100.00	22,100.00	22,857.00
Conservation:			
Other Conservation	950.00	950.00	975.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long-Term Bonds/Notes	39,200.00	39,200.00	-0-
Interest-Long-Term Bonds/Notes	1,602.00	1,601.29	-0-
Interest on TAN	15,200.00	11,066.35	15,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Improvements Other Than Building	3,565.95	5,765.67	63,000.00

Operating Transfers Out:			
To Special Revenue Fund	448,742.00	351,499.93	329,205.00
To Capital Reserve Fund	<u>146,000.00</u>	<u>146,419.00</u>	<u>110,000.00</u>
 SUBTOTAL 1	 <u>\$1,680,890.95</u>	 <u>\$1,527,361.90</u>	 <u>\$1,773,164.15</u>
 4915 Highway Truck Article 11	 40,000.00	 40,000.00	 40,000.00
4915 Revaluation Article 12	50,000.00	50,000.00	15,000.00
4915 Highway Loader Article 13	-0-	-0-	45,000.00
4220 Fire Tanker Article 14	-0-	-0-	98,000.00
4915 Ambulance Article 15	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
 SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			 208,000.00
 4909 Administrator Article 16	 -0-	 -0-	 25,000.00
4909 Bicentennial Celebration Article 17	-0-	-0-	7,500.00
4909 Main Street Revitalization Article 10	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>22,500.00</u>
 SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended	 -0-	 -0-	 55,000.00

1997 BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Bethlehem Country Club

REVENUE

Fees & Commissions	\$265,517.00	
Timber Sales	<u>-0-</u>	

Total Revenue		265,517.00
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EXPENDITURES

Club House	119,798.19*	
Course	<u>145,718.81</u>	

Total Expenditures		265,517.00
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes in 1997	\$	-0-
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*Includes \$3,223.09 due the General Fund

1997 BUDGET SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Solid Waste Disposal

REVENUE

Host Town Fees		\$59,336.53
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EXPENDITURES

Disposal Charges	63,700.00	
Transfer to:		
Trust Fund-Prospect St.		
Dump Post Closure Costs	<u>-0-</u>	

Total		<u>63,700.00</u>
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Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes in 1997	\$	4,363.47
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LIBRARY BUDGET

INCOME:	1996 Estimate	1996 Actual	1997 Projected
Town Funds	\$22,100.00	\$22,100.00	\$25,450.00
Trust Fund Interest	750.00	675.00	750.00
Book Sales	600.00	486.20	500.00
Fines	600.00	404.74	500.00
Donations/Gifts	400.00	459.00	400.00
Book Replacement	50.00	20.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,550.00	\$24,164.94	\$27,700.00
EXPENSES:	1996 Estimate	1996 Actual	1997 Projected
Books, etc.	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,523.64	\$ 8,500.00
Telephone	610.00	635.95	650.00
Postage	125.00	130.00	140.00
Petty Cash	130.00	138.50	130.00
Librarian's Expense	225.00	142.50	200.00
Supplies	650.00	705.85	700.00
Programs	200.00	234.00	200.00
Computer	200.00	98.00	100.00
Repair/Maintenance	50.00	150.00	50.00
Wages	10,600.00	10,771.12	13,000.00*
SS/MC	850.00	948.30	1,100.00
Unemployment Compensation	310.00	326.11	330.00
BC/BS	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>2,250.12</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$24,550.00	\$25,054.09	\$27,700.00

Book Reimbursement: IN - \$275.57 OUT - \$275.57

*Addition of a Library Aide

The following Trust Funds are held by the Library:

Al Reid Trust Fund = \$600.00

Ernest and Anne Wolcott Trust = \$2,000.00

Mrytie Connery Lathem Trust = \$12,000 (\$2,000.00 added in 1996)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1996 was a year filled with change for the community.

The Town of Bethlehem cast it's eye to the future in 1996 with many projects which began this year still underway. None of the work which the Selectmen's Office does is without the help of staff, community volunteers and outside vendors. We are thankful to these people for their time and effort on behalf of our community.

Bethlehem's long-time Police Chief, Howard Sanborn, passed away this past August. In October, the Board of Selectmen established a Police Chief Search Committee to select a new Chief of Police. During the interim, Bethlehem resident Norm Brown, has made tremendous strides in preparing our Police Department and Dispatch Center for Bethlehem's new Chief of Police. We owe Norm our thanks and support for making these past few months a positive and smooth time of transition. The Police Chief Search Committee, made up of both Bethlehem residents and members of regional law enforcement agencies are doing a tremendous job with the selection process and Bethlehem should be welcoming it's new Chief within the next few months.

On a similar note, Bethlehem residents Jack Anderson and Richard Robie, Jr., have taken the helm of our Fire Department and have been doing a great job at training our volunteer firefighters and upgrading our equipment and supplies. The Town has signed an agreement with NorthPak for mutual aid services and will not only be able to assist other area communities with firefighting support but will receive aid as well. We are thankful to Jack and Rick for their commitment to the community and all of our firefighters for their dedication and service. As a side note, the long awaited demolition of the antiquated Highway Garage will take place in the near future as part of the Fire Department's continued training efforts.

There has been continuing effort over the past few years to revitalize our downtown area and work toward broad ranging economic improvement of our community. This year a group of volunteers became focused as the Bethlehem Revitalization Initiative and through donations by private and business sectors as well as a donation from the Town, were able to put many goals and objectives into writing. The North Country Council, our regional planning commission, was contracted to produce a booklet, Bethlehem Main Street Development Concept, as well as a collection of maps and sketches of what our community may strive for in the next few years.

During January 1997, the Revitalization Initiative and the Town hosted a visit by the Rural Development Council at which time a broad cross section of the Bethlehem community met with leaders of both state agencies and private business to discuss the positive and negative aspects of Bethlehem's economic situation. The Rural Development Council will be providing the Town with it's findings in the next few months at which time we can use their input to further define our goals and objectives and proceed with improving our community by broadening our tax base.

Also in 1996, the Board of Selectmen were successful in returning several properties back to the tax rolls. Two buildings which deserve particular recognition are the Arlington Street apartments. These buildings, acquired by AHEAD Incorporated, were gutted and completely rehabilitated into 6 apartments. AHEAD paid the Town \$42,000.00 in back property taxes and has given several families an affordable and safe residence. Our community is also benefitting by the fact these historic homes have been beautifully rebuilt and now grace the eastern entrance to the village.

In December, the Selectmen formed an advisory committee to review and evaluate the proposal by North Country Environmental Services to expand its landfill on Trudeau Road. A copy of the committee's report was sent to all postal patrons to help them better decide the expansion issue which will be voted on by ballot on election day.

The Board of Selectmen extended thanks to all of those people who have dedicated themselves to volunteerism by serving on boards and committees and to those who have supported Town sponsored activities.

Board of Selectmen

POLICE CHIEF SEARCH COMMITTEE

Leonard F. B. Reed, Chairman

Harry Clark

Kenneth McCulloch

Robert Coute

Norman Brown

John Scarinza (State Police Representative)

Raymond Bushway, Selectman (Resigned from Committee 1/25/97)

Daniel Tucker, Selectman (Assigned to fill Mr. Bushway's vacancy 1/25/97)

LANDFILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank Hagan

Ken Reibel

David Duplessis

Fred Blanchard

Richard Banfield

Dan Crosby

Richard Polonsky

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In September of 1996, the Bethlehem Police Department instituted a system for logging calls for service coming into and handled by the Police Department. This system is broken down into categories and will allow the department to keep track of the number and types of calls the department is handling.

Beginning on September 10th, 1996 the following calls have been handled by the Bethlehem Police Department.

COMPLAINTS

	ACCIDENTS	CRIMINAL	DOMESTICS	ANIMAL	GENERAL	MOTOR VEHICLE
SEPT	2	23	0	0	31	8
OCT	9	28	1	5	43	24
NOV	11	17	4	1	53	18
DEC	19	26	2	1	49	5

ASSISTS

	EMS	FIRE	POLICE	GENERAL
SEPT	1	2	6	15
OCT	0	1	6	17
NOV	9	0	21	17
DEC	2	2	18	16

TOTAL CALLS

SEPT	84
OCT	138
NOV	151
DEC	140

As a result of these calls, there were: *

7 ARRESTS

29 SUMMONS ISSUED

32 WARNINGS ISSUED

109 CHECKS MADE (property, suspicious m/v or persons)

Breaking down the types of calls are as follows:

CRIMINAL complaints consisted of Burglary, Thefts, Bad Checks, Missing Persons, Assaults, Drugs, Criminal Mischief, Sexual Assaults, Shoplifting, and Criminal Threatening.

MOTOR VEHICLE complaints consisted of Speed, Solid Line, Stop Sign, Inspection, Operating After Suspension, Registration, and DWI.

GENERAL complaints consisted of Noise, Burglar Alarms, Trash Complaints, Open Doors, 911 Hangup Calls, Abandon Motor Vehicles, Suspicious Person, Suspicious Motor Vehicles, O.H.R.V. Complaints, Intoxicated Persons, and Shots Fired.

GENERAL ASSISTS consisted of Motor Vehicle Lockouts, Information, Property Checks, Disabled Motor Vehicles and Welfare Checks (lifeline calls and concerned citizens).

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The following is an account of the fire calls we responded to in the past year. This report does not include all calls such as traffic accidents.

4	Structure Fires
4	Chimney Fires
3	Car Fires
6	Other (Gas smell, Gas spills, etc.)
1	False Alarm

Over all it was a fairly quiet year as far as fires went, but in other areas it was busy. Of course the major event was the loss of our long time Chief and Friend, Howard Sanborn.

This Town was very fortunate to have had a man with such dedication and love for Bethlehem and its residents. Although this type of love and dedication are rare in today's world, it was a way of life for "The Chief". All of us who knew him and worked with him can easily appreciate what he did for the Town of Bethlehem. We hear many stories from people who grew up here in Town and were in some way touched by the kind but stern hand of this person who sort of set them back on the right track. There are others that are alive today because of the Ambulance he started and initially funded out of his own pocket. Other people are living in a house that might otherwise be gone, but because of the Fire Department he built with his own hands, they still have their home and possessions.

I certainly hope and pray that anyone who didn't truly know this man, some day realizes that one of the biggest reasons we all enjoy living in this beautiful little Town is because of people like Howard Sanborn . We are living in a world of results that were achieved by the sacrifices and dedication by people such as he.

Friend or foe, all respected this man and we thank him for all he has given us .

Respectfully,

Chief Jack Anderson

BETHLEHEM REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Bethlehem Revolving Loan Fund was established in 1986. It was a result of a grant application for community development block grants from the Federal Government. The North Country Council (NCC) administered the grant application, and once funds were received, the NCC was awarded the function of general administration of the grant proceeds.

The BRLF has as its purpose creating or expanding employment opportunities as well as stabilizing employment in existing businesses in the Town of Bethlehem. The BRLF assists qualified businesses to relocate or expand in Bethlehem by providing low interest loans. Loans may be used to finance capital expenses, inventory, working capital or marketing. Loans must be matched with other funds on a basis of one to one when the loan is under \$30,000, and two to one for amounts in excess of \$30,000.

The fund has financed more than 30 business applications. These applications, submitted by prospective borrowers, are processed through the NCC, reviewed by the BRLF committee, passed with a recommendation to the Select Board, Town of Bethlehem, for execution. Individuals wishing to consider the BRLF should contact the NCC for further information.

In 1996, two new loans were made and one loan was discharged upon completion of payment. As of December 31, 1996, the balance due on loans outstanding amounted to \$108,268.21. The BRLF made a one-time grant of \$1500 to the Bethlehem Revitalization Committee's efforts. Total funds available to loan as of December 31, 1996 are \$104,545.50.

BRLF Advisory Committee

Thomas Hepner
Leonard Reed
Peter Thoma

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

1996 Annual Report

The Bethlehem Conservation Commission meets monthly, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month in the basement of the Town Hall. The Commission reviews wetlands permits and discusses matters relating to Town natural resources. The Commission is a member of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Commission members, although not professionals, are able to offer advice to residents on the Wetlands Board's permitting process. Contact a member if you want help.

This year BCC sponsored Town students attending summer camps. Amy Mitchell, Profile, attended the SPNHF's Community Conservation Camp and has since joined the Commission as a member and Joey Vital (whose name was drawn from a hat from among the nine applicants) attended the Barry 4-H Conservation Camp.

The Conservation Commission maintains the Bethlehem segment of the New Hampshire Heritage Trail.

The Commission continued to take responsibility for hauling the Town recycling trailer from our Municipal Transfer Station to the Littleton Transfer Station each month. North Country Environmental Services has increased the number of items which Town residents are able to recycle at the Transfer Station. The Commission urges all residents to make use of the recycling alternatives.

The Commission has a separate checking account into which is deposited the entire approved budget amount each year. Money not spent accumulates.

Expenditures this year were:

NHACC dues	\$175.00
Camperships	505.00
Administration	100.60
Annual Meeting	<u>60.00</u>
Total	\$840.60

The Conservation Commission urges Town residents to attend meetings and become involved in recycling, Heritage Trail work and other conservation activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Tellman, Chair

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has had a busy year. The big event was "A Bethlehem Christmas," co-chaired by Rhonda Huggins and Tim Skeels. Instead of two consecutive weekends as was done in 1995, the event was held on the weekend of December 7 and 8. The homes and inns tour was a resounding success as was the children's workshop held on Saturday afternoon in the Durrell Methodist Church. Santa appeared at the same time. A gingerbread house contest netted \$236.00 for Bethlehem Toys for Tots. With the cooperation of Profile High School art teacher Gail Ramsay, Sally Donovan organized a poster contest. The posters were placed in the Town Building and in Town businesses.

Myles Finnegan donated a new Memory Tree which was planted on the Town recreation area. The lighting was held on December 14. Carols were led by the Profile chorus under the direction of Lisa Robar. The chorus also entertained during the Bethlehem Christmas and presented a skit at the end of the children's workshop.

New figurines were created to hang on telephone poles and Steve Huggins organized the decorating of the tree on the Town Building lawn. JP Electric donated labor for the lights and timer. The Fire Department put up the lights.

A postcard featuring a foliage scene on 142 South was purchased and placed for sale in area shops, inns and B&B's. The advertising newsletter was expanded and distributed.

The Information Booth was overseen by Ann Gruczka and staffed by Larry Mardin and Melanie Burns. New lights were placed outside the booth.

Officers agreed to serve another year. They are: President, Steve Huggins; Vice President, Ann Sykes; Secretary, Sally Donovan; Treasurer, Ruth Miller; and Directors, Fran Marszalkowski and Victor Hofmann.

The Chamber has 39 paid up members. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month except July and October. The dues are \$65.00; the membership year runs from August 1 to July 31.

The Chamber membership extends a big thank you to President Steve Huggins who kept track of every aspect of the Chamber's work and was always supportive of all its committees.

Any errors or omissions in this report are mine.

Submitted by,

Ruth Miller

LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

1996 was a banner year for Bethlehem Little League. First, a T-Ball league was developed for children in kindergarten who were too young for the farm league program. Coaches Margaret Considine, Linda Albuquerque, Chuck Champagne and Gary Arsenault did a magnificent job helping the 21 kids learn the basics of the game while having a great time. Second, Bethlehem hosted the girls' state softball championships and the regional 10 year old boys championships and, despite some of the craziest weather in recent years, managed to pull off a very successful tournament program.

The Bethlehem girls were the all-star champions again thanks to the very capable coaching of Ron Ramback and Ali Lister. Frank Hagan, Wally Hodge and Bob St. John coached three outstanding boys' teams. Six farm league teams were coached by Linda Ward, Pete Rivers, Ed Mosher, Brett Jackson, Carol Cunningham and Tom Young and like the older kids hosted games in Bethlehem and played on the road in Lisbon, Franconia and Lincoln. The town sponsored 13 year old Babe Ruth team for boys and the 13-15 girls' softball teams were very competitive with the girls coming close to capturing the state title. John Stevenson, Al Wright, Bob St. John and Paul Lister coached the boys and Gene Girdwood coached the girls.

Thanks to our volunteers, Bethlehem has the largest umpiring contingency north of Laconia. Our umps included crew chief John Stevenson, Jim Parish, Gerald Marquis, Jim Payette, Skip Marie, Guy Haynes, Harry Newell, Paul Greenlaw, Rick Simmons, Bob St. John and Paul Lister.

Special thanks to Harry Newell, Ron Ramback and Bob St. John for all the work they did on frequently drenched ball fields and to Frank Hagan who once again organized the post season trip to the Expos ball game. Thanks to Ernie Ferland and the staff at BES for use of the school for the annual picnic and for Bob Geer and Mike Miscio for their culinary assistance at the cookout. Thanks also to the Bethlehem Village Store staff who always help us organize the picnic.

My sincerest thanks to Bernard Ristuccia for his generous contributions to the kids and to Jan Marcks and Joe Simard who do a great deal of leg work for our program.

I had hoped that a concession stand would be a reality this fall but time did not permit me to pursue this. Our first priority this year will be to improve drainage to keep our fields drier and then we can concentrate on building. Our most important commitment, however, always will be to have a program that is fun and safe for our kids and one that teaches good sportsmanship as well as athleticism. Last year, over 200 children between the ages of 5 and 18 enjoyed baseball and softball from T-Ball to Senior Babe Ruth. Thanks to our many volunteers for all that they do for our kids.

Thanks especially to the generosity of the people of Bethlehem who vote to give us a budget each year that allows us to run a program that does not charge a registration fee. This guarantees that no child between the ages of 5 and 12 will be denied access to our baseball and softball programs because they cannot afford to participate. We may be the only town in the state that offers this wonderful benefit to our kids. Combined with a no-cut policy, any child that wants to play can and will play. It is my impression that this was the way little league was meant to be. The children, coaches and umpires dedicate this season to the residents of Bethlehem for their many years of unselfish support. Please come out and enjoy this great united community effort.

Paul Lister, Commissioner

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters, 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

- 1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.
- 2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.
- 3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.
- 4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.
- 5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.
- 6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.) Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.
- 7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services, both technical information and financial assistance, are available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301
Tel. (603) 271-3632

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

1996 Annual Report

This has been a very busy year at the Council. We completed 53 local and regional projects and were directly responsible for the investment of \$7.0 million in local infrastructure projects by federal or state funding sources. In cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation, the Council was involved in the development and implementation of \$16.5 million of transportation projects on the Ten Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). NCC was called upon many times each day to provide local technical advice, be "on call" for our members, respond to questions or provide guidance to land use boards, development corporations, boards of selectmen, chambers of commerce and civic groups. There are over 300 of these local bodies in the region and this last year saw us interacting with most of them at least once and many of them on numerous occasions. In addition, we convened numerous meetings, hearings and informational sessions on regional environmental, regulatory, development, permitting and public policy issues. Similarly, we provided advice, technical assistance and guidance on a weekly basis to businesses, public agencies and non-profit corporations. This last year, we responded to more than 200 requests for data, direction and advice from a very diverse mix of businesses, agencies and organizations. Beyond these requests, we have continued to maintain a regular dialogue with those state agencies that depend on us for a "linkage" to the communities of the North Country.

A new beginning for the Council was the opening of the North Country Council Development Center, located at the historic Rocks Estate in Bethlehem. The Center is the site of NCC's offices, the offices of the NH State Library and the North Country Arts Alliance. This next year will see the addition of another four tenants in spaces that will be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1997. Equally important to its function as a home for all these and other important regional resources, the Center will function as a research/demonstration site, partnership facilitator, conference center, source of market information and communication vehicle for the North Country of New Hampshire.

During 1996, the Center hosted teams of planners from the Netherlands, Central America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Through these meetings we have gained a mutual understanding of the planning and development challenges we face as a world community. More specifically, these visits have provided us with an opportunity to learn new approaches to conserve resources and foster appropriate development, as well as make many new friends.

This year has been a watershed year for the Council. We have enhanced our staff capacity; we have undergone significant internal strengthening and we have restructured and reorganized, all in an effort to respond to regional need. Our goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Annual Report

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to enhance the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1996, 111 older residents of Bethlehem were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services. These individuals enjoyed balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources by our lift-equipped buses, and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through volunteer service. The cost to provide these services for Bethlehem residents was \$26,204.51.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Bethlehem were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Bethlehem community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All Persons Have the Right to Meaningfully Participate in the Life of Their Community

This is the mission statement of White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services. For more than a quarter of a century, our staff has worked to assure that individuals with mental illness or a developmental disability receive the supports to allow this mission to be a reality.

Many Bethlehem residents have been able to remain living and working productively in their community due to the assistance of WMMH&DS. Psychiatric hospitalizations, residential treatment of children, and institutionalizations of persons with a developmental disability are now exceedingly rare due to the availability of community based supports. Bethlehem residents also have access to high quality, professional counseling for family problems, depression and substance abuse through White Mountain Mental Health. Not only do the recipients of services benefit from this intervention, but also the community. The cost of unaddressed emotional problems are felt in many different forms, including the quality of family life, the productivity of our work force and the safety of our streets.

During 1996 White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services provided the following to Bethlehem residents:

- 2554 hours of outpatient counseling services to 75 Bethlehem residents who were either uninsured or partially insured. The full cost of these services was \$166,010.
- Extensive supports, including housing, vocational services and family support to persons with serious developmental disabilities. These supports helped make it possible for these individuals to live and work in their community.
- Developmental assessments, case management, in-home support, speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy to families with infants or toddlers diagnosed with some form of developmental delay. These services are provided regardless of ability to pay.
- Perhaps most importantly, emergency services are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week to assist individuals, families, hospitals and law enforcement in managing psychiatric emergencies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Bethlehem for their support over the past twenty five years. We continue to look to you, our community partners, to help us to continue to provide excellent services in this era of abundant problems and scarce resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. MacKay, CCSW
Area Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA

1996 Annual Report

Hospice of the Littleton Area has completed its seventh year of providing volunteer services to residents of area communities. Our service area included the towns of Littleton, Bethlehem, Twin Mountain, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Bath and Woodsville/Haverhill.

Our Director and volunteers provided supportive care at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes to 45 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness.

Our organization was very pleased this year to again offer support to two (2) new area programs. We continued to provide volunteer services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we again offered supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room of Littleton Regional Hospital.

Our Hospice Program also conducted three support groups which were free of charge and open to the public. The Cancer Support Group, Breast Cancer Support Group and Bereavement Support Group offered a supportive and caring place to share feelings and experiences guided by a trained counselor. Thirty (30) individuals attended these support groups in 1996.

Volunteers gave over 1500 hours in the provision of services.

Our Hospice conducts a yearly nine (9) week long, eighteen (18) hour Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or in increasing their knowledge about Hospice care. We now have over 100 trained volunteers available to support area residents.

There is NO CHARGE to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area. This service is made possible largely through the generous support provided by the twelve (12) towns that we serve. Without the support of Town Funding we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we enter our eighth year of providing care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Lakey, Director

**FINANCIAL REPORT
for the
BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT**

OFFICERS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Term Expires 1997

Walter F. Blandin

Term Expires 1998

Bruce S. Brown

Term Expires 1999

Richard E. Robie, Sr.

MODERATOR

Alistair D. MacBain

PRECINCT CLERK

Cheryl I. Sargent

TEASURER

Carole Hard

Administrative Assistant - Board of Commissioners

Karleen J. Sanborn

**BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT
RESULTS OF THE 1996 WARRANT**

The annual meeting of the Bethlehem Village District was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 1996 at the Bethlehem Elementary School by Moderator Al MacBain. Present were Commissioners Bruce Brown, Richard Robie, Sr. and Walter Blandin.

ARTICLE 1 Bruce Brown moved to nominate Alistair MacBain as Moderator for the ensuing year. Richard Robie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Alistair MacBain as Moderator. This was done.

ARTICLE 2 Karleen Sanborn moved to nominate Cheryl Sargent as District Clerk for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Floyd Brown. The motion was carried unanimously and the Moderator was instructed to cast one ballot for Cheryl Sargent for District Clerk. This was done.

ARTICLE 3 Floyd Brown moved to nominate Richard Robie, Sr. as District Commissioner for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Bud Miller and carried unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Richard Robie, Sr. for a three year term as District Commissioner and this was done.

ARTICLE 4 Bruce Brown moved to nominate Carole Hard as District Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Richard Robie, Sr. and carried unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Carole Hard for District Treasurer for the ensuing year and this was done.

ARTICLE 5 Bruce Brown moved to accept reports of Officers and take any action relating thereto as printed in the Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Floyd Brown and carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 6 Floyd Brown moved to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted. The sum of five hundred seven thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars and twenty-

one cents (\$507,984.21). The motion was seconded by John Miller. Bruce Brown made a motion to amend the total by adding in an additional \$2,000.00 for additional computer training needed to tie in with meter reading capabilities and an additional \$6,200.00 to provide for a study for a Community Block Grant. The motion was seconded by Walter Blandin. Bud Miller asked for an explanation and this was given. The motion to amend the total to \$516,184.21 was carried unanimously. The amended article was carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 7 Floyd Brown moved to see if the District would vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) toward this purpose, and to appoint the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. Bruce Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with very little discussion. *(\$521,184.21)

ARTICLE 8 Karleen Sanborn moved to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-three thousand dollars (\$123,000.00) for Water Department New Construction and further to authorize the Commissioners to withdraw from Water Department surplus sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00), an additional twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000.00) to be off-set by State Grant money, and the remainder to be financed by Water Supply System Charges. The motion was seconded by Floyd Brown. There followed some discussion on this article and an explanation was given by Bruce Brown. Bud Miller asked what new projects were proposed for the District. He said that he would not like to see the money spent where it was not needed. Bruce Brown stated that there is work that is needed in several areas around Town. Bud asked if any work was proposed for Bethlehem Hollow. Bruce stated that there was not. He went on to say that Pinewood Avenue needs extensive work. Bud Miller stated that Muchmore Road needs work very badly due to the number of breaks that have occurred in this area. He would like to see these problems corrected. Sarah Mike suggested that the Commissioners set up a list of priorities for work that needs to be done. The motion carried unanimously with no further discussion. *(\$644,184.21)

ARTICLE 9 Floyd Brown moved to see if the District would vote to accept the provisions set forth in RSA 31:95-b authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the District meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year. This authority will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the District meeting. The motion was seconded by Karleen Sanborn and carried unanimously with no discussion.

ARTICLE 10 Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would accept the provision of RSA 33:7 providing for authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Commissioners to issue tax anticipation notes. The motion was seconded by Floyd Brown and carried unanimously with very little discussion.

ARTICLE 11 Bruce Brown moved to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. The motion was seconded by Walter Blandin. John Miller asked when the water meters would go on line. Bruce Brown stated that the Commissioners would like more voter input as to whether they want to use the meters. Bud Miller asked if it was a requirement of the grant that these meters have to be used. Bruce Brown stated that it was not mandated that these meters have to be used, just installed. Richard Robie, Sr. agreed

that he would like much more input from the District voters before the Commissioners make the decision to put these meters into use. Bud Miller stated that he knows that the summer people do not think that they are being billed fairly under the present system. Ruth Miller suggested that an informational meeting be held because she does not think that people are aware that they have the choice to use the meters or not. Sarah Mike suggested that a survey be sent out with the next billing to see if the Commissioners can get some feedback.

At 8:35 p.m. Floyd Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Brown and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sargent, Clerk
Bethlehem Village District

*Moderators running total of appropriations as each Article was voted.

Total appropriations \$644,184.21

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT
Proposed Annual Meeting Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Bethlehem Village District, in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bethlehem Elementary School in said Bethlehem on Friday, the twenty-first day of March, in the year Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Seven, next at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To choose a Commissioner for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To hear reports of Officers and take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted. The sum of six hundred thirteen thousand seven hundred six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$613,706.58) the budget exclusive of warrant articles.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the expendable trust fund created at the 1996 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment, and to appoint the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) toward this purpose, and to appoint the Commissioners as agents to expend from this fund. The Commissioners recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the voters of the Bethlehem Village District want to continue the historical requirement of the Board of Commissioners to appoint the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Bethlehem Fire Department. (A yes vote will allow the continuance of this tradition.) The Commissioners recommend this action.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of March, 1997.

Walter F. Blandin, Commissioner
Bruce S. Brown, Commissioner
Richard E. Robie, Sr., Commissioner

BUDGET OF THE BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997
FROM STATE:			
Shared Revenues	\$ 473.00	\$ 472.54	\$ 472.54
Water Pollution Grants	74,546.50	74,546.50	54,868.00
Gas Tax Rebate	250.00	243.00	245.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Connect Fees & Miscellaneous Income	3,400.00	5,882.14	5,800.00
Water Supply System Charges	180,000.00	184,992.54	180,000.00
Sewer User Charges	145,000.00	148,367.14	145,000.00
Dump Fees	10,500.00	12,308.70	3,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Interest on Investments	3,500.00	\$4,178.69	4,000.00
Insurance Exchange, Reimbursements, Refunds & Dividends	3,800.00	2,973.57	3,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
Phase III (Sewer)	<u>6,284.00</u>	<u>6,284.00</u>	<u>5,973.48</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$427,753.50	\$440,248.82	\$402,359.02

BUDGET OF THE BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1996	Expend. 1996	Approp. 1997
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Executive	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 7,353.00
Financial Administration	26,300.00	26,217.21	30,000.00
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	545.00	1,000.00
Insurance	24,600.00	14,360.85	15,072.00
Audit	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police	13,904.00	13,903.20	14,346.40
Fire	15,645.50	16,706.33	47,637.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Street Lighting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Streets & Sidewalks	4,150.00	1,978.57	4,150.00
SANITATION:			
Solid Waste Collection	18,300.00	18,300.00	19,123.50
Wastewater Treatment Plant	64,000.00	63,410.02	68,700.00
Sewer Department Expenses	24,400.00	23,374.90	30,000.00
Sewer New Construction	30,000.00	30,328.85	30,000.00
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT:			
Water Department Expenses	86,200.00	89,579.26	94,000.00
Water Treatment Plant	36,000.00	33,775.66	36,000.00
Water New Construction	123,000.00	88,541.53	56,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal Long-Term Bonds/Notes	70,410.28	70,385.39	71,499.54
Interest-Long-Term Bonds/Notes	86,524.43	86,550.92	81,425.14
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
Improvements - Mapping	1,000.00	-0-	500.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:			
To Capital Revenue Funds Pick-up	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
Expendable Trust Fund-Wastewater Treatment Plant	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Expendable Trust Fund - Water Treatment Plant	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u><u>\$644,184.21</u></u>	<u><u>\$596,707.69</u></u>	<u><u>\$623,706.58*</u></u>

Less:

Estimated Revenue, Exclusive of
Property Taxes

402,359.02

Total Amount To Be Raised By
Property Taxes

\$221,347.56

*Total recommended operating appropriation for 1997 exclusive of warrant articles \$613,706.58

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND	Approp.	Expend.	Balance & Overdraft*
Executive	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 6,850.00	\$ -0-
Financial Administration	26,300.00	26,217.21	82.79
Legal Expense	1,000.00	545.00	455.00
Insurance	24,600.00	14,360.85	10,239.15
Audit	1,800.00	1,800.00	-0-
Police	13,904.00	13,903.20	.80
Fire	15,645.50	16,706.33	1,060.83*
Streets & Sidewalks	4,150.00	1,978.57	2,171.43
Street Lighting	100.00	100.00	-0-
Mapping	1,000.00	-0-	1,000.00
Total General Fund	95,349.50	82,461.16	12,888.34
SEWER FUND			
Solid Waste Collection	18,300.00	18,300.00	-0-
Sewerage Treatment Plant	64,000.00	63,410.02	589.98
Sewer Department Expenses	24,400.00	23,374.90	1,025.10
New Construction	30,000.00	30,328.85	328.85*
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3,959.06	3,934.17	24.89
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	9,712.14	9,738.63	26.49*
Expendable Trust Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Capital Reserve Fund (pick-up)	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-
Total Sewer Fund	157,871.20	156,586.57	1,284.63

WATER FUND

Water Department Expenses	86,200.00	89,579.26	3,379.26*
Water Treatment Plant	36,000.00	33,775.66	2,224.34
New Construction	123,000.00	88,541.53	34,458.47
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	36,451.22	36,451.22	-0-
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	53,028.78	53,028.78	-0-
Capital Reserve Fund Pick-up	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>

Total Water Fund	337,180.00	303,876.45	33,303.55
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PHASE III SEWER

(State Guaranteed Loan)

Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	30,000.00	30,000.00	-0-
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>23,783.51</u>	<u>23,783.51</u>	<u>-0-</u>

Total Phase III	<u>53,783.51</u>	<u>53,783.51</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$644,184.21	\$596,707.69	\$47,476.52
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE

Water Supply System Charges		\$184,992.54
Water Rent Interest		134.89
Water Connect Fees		1,000.00
On/Off Fees		100.00
Sewer Users Charges		148,367.14
Sewer Rent Interest		75.00
Dump Fees		12,308.70
Sewer Connect Fees		3,000.00
Sewer Account #014052 - Balance	59,179.78	
Sewer Account #014052 - Interest	96.07	
Sewer Account #014052 - Service Charge	<u>5.35</u>	59,270.50
Property Taxes		150,742.00
State of NH Filtration Grant		27,046.50
Insurance Exchange/Refunds		2,973.57
Deferred Income		16,932.00
Interest Reimbursement/Phase III		10,853.51
Shared Revenue/Block Grant		472.54
Miscellaneous Income		38.85
Water Miscellaneous Income		1,533.40
Gas Tax Rebate		243.00
People's Account #014109 - Interest	4,313.67	
People's Account #014109 - Service Charge	<u>225.70</u>	<u>4,087.97</u>
Total Current Revenue		624,172.11
Balance January 1, 1996, Checking Account		<u>146,173.52</u>
Total		770,345.63
Total Expenditures		<u>547,680.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1996		\$222,665.63

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL FUND

1. EXECUTIVE		
Appropriation		\$ 6,850.00
Expenditures		
Salaries		<u>6,850.00</u>
Balance		-0-
2. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Appropriation		26,300.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	15,488.00	
SS/MC	2,793.60	
BC/BS Health Insurance	2,398.22	
Officers' Expenses	1,545.20	
Office Supplies	2,591.41	
Telephone	770.56	
Dues, Subscriptions, Ads & Notices	509.75	
Petty Cash	<u>120.47</u>	<u>26,217.21</u>
Balance		82.79
3. LEGAL EXPENSES		
Appropriation		1,000.00
Expenditures		
Professional Services		<u>545.00</u>
Balance		455.00
4. INSURANCE		
Appropriation		24,600.00
Expenditures		
Premiums		<u>14,360.85</u>
Balance		10,239.15
5. CPA AUDIT		
Appropriation		1,800.00
Expenditures		
Professional Services		<u>1,800.00</u>
Balance		-0-

6. POLICE		
Appropriation		13,904.00
Expenditures		
Salaries (paid to Town of Bethlehem)	13,253.94	
Medicare (paid to Town of Bethlehem)	192.06	
NH Retirement (paid to Town of Bethlehem)	<u>457.20</u>	<u>13,903.20</u>
Balance		.80
7. FIRE		
Appropriation		15,645.50
Expenditures		
1/2 Expenses of Department to Town of Bethlehem		<u>16,706.33</u>
Overdraft		1,060.83
8. STREETS & SIDEWALKS		
Appropriation		4,150.00
Expenditures		
Streets (paid to Town of Bethlehem)	150.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance	<u>1,828.57</u>	<u>1,978.57</u>
Balance		2,171.43
9. STREET LIGHTING		
Appropriation		100.00
Expenditures		
Paid to Town of Bethlehem		<u>100.00</u>
Balance		-0-
10. MAPPING		
Appropriation		1,000.00
Expenditures		<u>-0-</u>
Balance		1,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		
Appropriations	\$95,349.50	
Expenditures	<u>82,461.16</u>	
Balance	\$12,888.34	

SEWER FUND

1. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION		
Appropriation		18,300.00
Expenditures		
Contract WMNH		<u>18,300.00</u>
Balance		-0-
2. SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT		
Appropriation		64,000.00
Expenditures		
Operational Contract WWWS	25,961.32	
Equipment Repair	2,330.13	
Electricity	20,749.42	
Fuel Oil	1,961.28	
Chemicals	4,027.36	
Supplies	1,590.27	
Testing	240.00	
Equipment	409.65	
Professional Services	172.00	
Maintenance	5,590.39	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>378.20</u>	<u>63,410.02</u>
Balance		589.98
3. SEWER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		
Appropriation		24,400.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	13,521.94	
BC/BS Health Insurance	2,273.88	
SS/MC	2,217.67	
Sewer Line Install/Main/Repair	620.71	
Vehicle Main. & Repair	192.77	
Equipment Rental	202.00	
Gasoline (vehicles)	463.77	
Supplies	195.97	
Miscellaneous Expenses (damage/uniforms/pagers/etc)	<u>3,686.19</u>	<u>23,374.90</u>
Balance		1,025.10
4. NEW CONSTRUCTION		
Appropriation		30,000.00
Expenditures		
Equipment Rental/Materials/Labor/Pipe		<u>30,328.85</u>
Overdraft		328.85
5. PRINCIPAL-LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES		
Appropriation		3,959.06
Expenditure		<u>3,934.17</u>
Balance		24.89

6. INTEREST-LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES

Appropriation	9,712.14
Expenditure	<u>9,738.63</u>

Overdraft	26.49
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7. EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

Appropriation	5,000.00
Expenditures	<u>5,000.00</u>

Balance	-0-
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8. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PICK-UP

Appropriation	2,500.00
Expenditures	<u>2,500.00</u>

Balance	-0-
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TOTAL SEWER FUND

Appropriations	\$157,871.20
Expenditures	<u>156,586.57</u>

Balance	\$ 1,284.63
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WATER FUND

1. WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Appropriation	86,200.00
Expenditures	

Salaries	36,241.24	
SS/MC	7,182.55	
BC/BS Health Insurance	6,755.17	
Waterline Install/Main/Repair	32,047.15	
Vehicle Main. & Repairs	646.09	
Equipment Rental	135.50	
Gasoline (vehicles)	1,230.06	
Supplies	849.89	
Testing	245.00	
Education & Travel	158.10	
Miscellaneous Expenses (damage/uniforms/pagers/etc.)	<u>4,088.51</u>	<u>89,579.26</u>

Overdraft	3,379.26
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2. WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Appropriation	36,000.00
Expenditures	

Salaries	7,602.00
Professional Services	7,403.77
Equipment Repair	1,766.08

Electricity	3,762.01	
Fuel (propane)	3,339.64	
Chemicals	7,212.41	
Supplies	1,171.38	
Testing	491.09	
Telephone	473.62	
Maintenance	553.66	<u>33,775.66</u>
Balance		2,224.34
3. NEW CONSTRUCTION		
Appropriation		123,000.00
Expenditures		
Pinewood Avenue (bid)	25,900.00	
Equipment Rental/Materials/Pipe	62,641.53	<u>88,541.53</u>
Balance		34,458.47
4. PRINCIPAL-LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES		
Appropriation		36,451.22
Expenditures		<u>36,451.22</u>
Balance		-0-
5. INTEREST-LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES		
Appropriation		53,028.78
Expenditures		<u>53,028.78</u>
Balance		-0-
6. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PICK-UP		
Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenditures		<u>2,500.00</u>
Balance		-0-
PHASE III SEWER (State Guaranteed Loan)		
Appropriation		
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes		30,000.00
Expenditures		<u>30,000.00</u>
Balance		-0-
Appropriation		
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		23,783.51
Expenditure		<u>23,783.51</u>
Balance		-0-

SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

*1985 Series C (State Guaranteed)

Payment No.	Period Ending	Principal Maturity Schedule	New Interest Payment Schedule	Fiscal Year Total Payment
12	02/15/97	\$30,000.00	\$11,610.00	\$41,610.00
	08/15/97	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,523.48</u>	<u>9,523.48</u>
TOTALS		\$30,000.00	\$21,133.48	\$51,133.48

* Annual Reimbursement by State of New Hampshire.

* Payoff February 15, 2005

* January 1, 1997 - Principal Outstanding - \$260,000.00

SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

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Payment No.	Period Ending	Principal Maturity Schedule	New Interest Payment Schedule	Balance Of Loan
21	01/21/97	\$2,074.67	\$ 4,760.93	\$147,287.79
22	07/21/97	<u>2,140.80</u>	<u>4,694.80</u>	145,146.99
TOTALS		\$4,215.47	\$ 9,455.73	

RESERVOIR COVER - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

*1989 Series A

Payment No.	Date	Principal Outstanding	Municipal Bond Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15	01/15/97			\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	
16	07/15/97	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00	1,700.00	21,700.00	\$ 23,400.00
17	01/15/98			1,020.00	1,020.00	
18	07/15/98	30,000.00	15,000.00	1,020.00	16,020.00	17,040.00
19	01/15/99			510.00	510.00	
20	07/15/99	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>510.00</u>	<u>15,510.00</u>	<u>16,020.00</u>
Totals		0.00	\$50,000.00	\$ 6,460.00	\$56,460.00	\$56,460.00

*Total of original loan \$193,000.00

*Interest Rate 6.7790%

SEWER PROJECT - PHASE III
Checking Account - #204-00323

Receipts:

State Guaranteed Loan	\$ 47,500.00
Fleet Bank Interest	<u>622.41</u>

Total	48,122.41
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Balance January 1, 1996	<u>63,685.61</u>
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Total Receipts	111,808.02
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Expenditures:

Fleet Bank - Service Charges	86.96	
Total Paid Out	<u>109,783.51*</u>	<u>109,870.47</u>

Balance December 31, 1996	\$ 1,937.55
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*On June 12, 1996 , the Village District invested \$56,000.00 from Phase III checking account.
As of December 31, 1996, we had income earned and reinvested in the amount of \$1,414.06.

June 12, 1996 NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$56,000.00
NHPDIP Income earned and reinvested	<u>1,414.06</u>
December 31, 1996 - Total in NHPDIP	\$57,414.06

WATER PROJECT

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Earned To Date	Balance To Finish
Administrative/Misc.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,552.00	\$ 12,552.00	\$ -0-
Interest	60,000.00	9,244.00	9,244.00	-0-
Legal	15,000.00	15,000.00	12,296.00	2,704.00
Engineering Preliminary	160,000.00	160,000.00	155,818.00	4,182.00
Pilot	-0-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Engineering-Const. Service	238,637.00	269,811.00	269,811.00	-0-
Land	-0-	2,700.00	2,700.00	-0-
Filter Sand	100,000.00	54,951.00	54,951.00	-0-
Survey	-0-	40,710.00	40,710.00	-0-
Contract #1-Plant	878,500.00	921,024.00	921,024.00	-0-
Contract #2-H2O Main	729,240.00	760,845.00	760,845.00	-0-
Contract #3-Intakes	35,625.00	35,130.00	35,130.00	-0-
Contract #4-Meters/Install	120,950.00	237,359.00	237,359.00	-0-
Contingency	<u>207,048.00</u>	<u>25,674.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>25,674.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,517,440.00	\$32,560.00

FUNDING SOURCES

RECD Loan	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$ -0-
RECD Grant	<u>1,550,000.00</u>	<u>1,550,000.00</u>	<u>1,517,440.00</u>	<u>32,560.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,550,000.00	\$2,517,440.00	\$32,560.00

VILLAGE DISTRICT
Checking Account - #9358132914

Receipts:		
FHA Grant		\$ 317.00
Fleet Interest		<u>23.60</u>
Total		340.60
Balance January 1, 1996 - Checking Account		<u>1,480.40</u>
Total Receipts		1,821.00
Expenditures:		
Fleet - Service Charges	85.84	
Total Paid Out	<u>210.94</u>	<u>296.78</u>
Balance December 31, 1996		\$1,524.22

WATER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

RECD

Payment Date	Loan Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment
05/03/97	\$952,986.26	\$ 8,535.34	\$23,824.66	\$32,360.00
11/03/97	944,450.91	<u>8,748.73</u>	<u>23,611.27</u>	<u>32,360.00</u>
TOTALS		\$17,284.07	\$47,435.93	\$64,720.00

Interest Rate 0.0500%

Payoff November 3, 2023

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF FATHER NAME OF MOTHER
Feb. 7, 1996	Littleton	Matthew Edward Gamlin	M	Gregg Gamlin Jessica Gamlin
Feb. 12, 1996	Littleton	Emily Catherine Roy	F	Bryan Roy Karen Roy
Apr. 2, 1996	Littleton	Nancy Gardenia Serrano	F	Gerardo Serrano Nancy J. Serrano
Apr. 17, 1996	Littleton	Travis Stone Healey	M	Stephen F. Healey Pamela J. Healey
Sep. 22, 1996	Littleton	Mika Sapphire Dickinson	F	Michael E. Dickinson Anne Louise Dickinson
Nov. 14, 1996	Littleton	Morgan June Hoffman	F	Carl C. Hoffman, III Kristine R. Hoffman
Dec. 22, 1996	Littleton	Claire Noelle Decker	F	Scott R. Decker Cynthia Ellen Decker
Dec. 24, 1996	Littleton	Raya Levana Kaplan	F	Laurence N. Kaplan Tara Lea Kaplan

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Brenda Darling
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
May 25, 1996 Littleton	Charles A. Newman Elizabeth S. Ferrante	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jun. 1, 1996 Bethlehem	Todd Michael Lyndes Keri Ann Chulow	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jun. 8, 1996 Bethlehem	Steven Martin Ford Mary Oberg Avena	Vernon, CT Marlboro, CT
Jun. 8, 1996 Littleton	Eric Bernard Greene Lisa Michele Curran	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jun. 22, 1996 Sugar Hill	Wayne Forrest Colpitts Diane Marie Descoteaux	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Jun. 22, 1996 Bethlehem	Brad Weston Choyt Charlotte M. Bacon	Farmington, CT Farmington, CT
Jun. 29, 1996 Sugar Hill	Robert Michael O'Malley Ellen Marie Boucher	North Woodstock Bethlehem
Jul. 13, 1996 Littleton	Douglas G. Keller Cynthia J. Briggs	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Aug. 18, 1996 Bethlehem	Richard M. Smith Melissa Lee Morton	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Aug. 24, 1996 Franconia	Peter Karl Husson Teresa Lynn Ray	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Sep. 7, 1996 Bethlehem	William Eugene Garneau Michelle Lynn McHugh	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Oct. 5, 1996 Bethlehem	Kenneth N. Westover, Jr. Stephanie Anne Bean	Littleton Bethlehem
Oct. 19, 1996 Bethlehem	Eugene Clinton Pitcher, Jr. Terri Ann Montgomery	North Attleboro, MA North Attleboro, MA
Oct. 19, 1996 Shelburne	Charles Hugh McDonald, Jr. Charity Anne Packard	Bethlehem Bethlehem
Dec. 24, 1996 Franconia	Gary G. Phillips Robin B. Cryans	Bethlehem Bethlehem

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH		NAME & SURNAME OF DECEASED	AGE	SEX	NAME OF FATHER NAME OF MOTHER
Feb. 3, 1996	Bethlehem	Ernard Amos Cady	74	M	Ernest Cady Gertrude Barre
Feb. 9, 1996	N. Carolina	Francis Thomas Sheedy		M	
Feb. 11, 1996	Bethlehem	Arthur G. Bettencourt	67	M	Edilo Bettencourt Virginia Thomas
Apr. 16, 1996	Littleton	Margaret P. Johnson	85	F	Curtis C. Johnson Sarah Allen
May 20, 1996	Lebanon	Sam Sorge	76	M	Joseph Sorgenstein Sadie Rosin
Jun. 16, 1996	Littleton	Doris B. Stevenson	87	F	Walter Blanden Mary McKenna
Jul. 3, 1996	Lancaster	Catherine B. Symmes	78	F	Lowell R. Burch Katherine Wilmerding
Jul. 10, 1996	Bethlehem	Selina C. Blaney	89	F	Oliver Cotnoir Olive Cote
Jul. 25, 1996	Littleton	Brian B. Ellis	26	M	Bertram Ellis Janet George
Aug. 7, 1996	Whitefield	Gertrude Magoon	93	F	William Richardson Minnie E. Taylor
Aug. 24, 1996	Littleton	Howard E. Sanborn	81	M	Charles H. Sanborn Annie Bolen
Dec. 23, 1996	Bethlehem	Marie Boisseau	85	F	Avila Farand Emelda Sequin

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Brenda Darling, Town Clerk

NOTES

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE – 869-2293

Monday	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	NOON - 4:00 p.m.
(July & August)	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Friday	By Appointment
First Saturday of each month	9:00 a.m. - NOON

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE & PLANNING & ZONING BOARDS

869-3351

869-2042

Monday thru Friday	8:00 a.m. - NOON
	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Every other Monday	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Make an appointment to be on the Agenda by 3 p.m. Friday of the previous week	

PLANNING BOARD MEETING – 869-2042

Fourth Wednesday of each month	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
Work Sessions 1st & 3rd Wednesday	

ZONING BOARD MEETING – 869-2042

As needed	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
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TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE – 869-3133

Monday	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
First Saturday of each month	9:00 a.m. - NOON

LIBRARY – 869-2409

Monday thru Friday	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday & Thursday evenings	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Fourth Thursday of each month	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT MEETING – 869-3440

First Tuesday of each month	Opens at 7:00 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM WATER DEPARTMENT – 869-3440

Maintenance - Monday thru Friday	7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office - Tuesday and Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NORTH COUNTRY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – 869-3366

Trudeau Road	
Monday & Friday	8:00 a.m. - NOON
Wednesday	NOON - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Chester Brown - 869-2004

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Harry Newell - 869-2042

ROAD AGENT

George Tucker - 869-2212

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

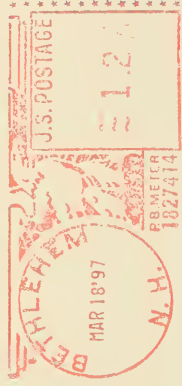
Cheryl Sargent - 869-2042

POLICE DEPARTMENT

869-5811

FIRE DEPARTMENT

869-2232



FROM

Bethlehem Town Clerk

PO Box 189

Bethlehem, NH 03574

TO

University of New Hampshire

18 Library Way

Durham, NH 03824-3592

